

2 **RESOLUTION: Ratification, Alteration, Modification, or Repeal of March 20, 2020,**  
3 **Proclamation Declaring a State of Emergency**

6 **TO THE WINNEBAGO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:**

7 **WHEREAS**, on March 20, 2020, Winnebago County Executive Mark L. Harris, by proclamation, declared that  
8 a state of emergency exists in Winnebago County because of the COVID-19 pandemic consistent with §323.14(4)(a),  
9 Wis. Stats; and

10 **WHEREAS**, pursuant to §323.14(4)(~~a~~) **(b)**, Wis. Stats., the proclamation is “. . .subject to ratification,  
11 alteration, modification, or repeal by the County Board as soon thereafter as the Board can meet, but the subsequent  
12 action taken by the governing body shall not affect the prior validity of the proclamation. . .”; and

13 **WHEREAS**, on March 20, 2020, Winnebago County Executive Mark L. Harris proclaimed, pursuant to the  
14 powers granted under §323.14(4)(b), Wis. Stats., that he would do “. . .whatever is necessary and expedient to  
15 protect the health and well-being of Winnebago County. . .”; and

16 **WHEREAS**, it is deemed appropriate and necessary to provide Winnebago County Executive Mark L. Harris  
17 the general authority to order, subject to ratification if practicable, whatever is necessary and expedient for the health,  
18 safety, protection, and welfare of persons and property within Winnebago County in the emergency.

19 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that it hereby  
20 ratifies the March 20, 2020, Proclamation Declaring the Existence of a County Emergency in Winnebago County  
21 (attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference) issued by Winnebago County Executive Mark L. Harris.

22 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that it hereby vests  
23 Winnebago County Executive Mark L. Harris with the general authority to order, subject to ratification if practicable,  
24 whatever is necessary and expedient for the health, safety, protection, and welfare of persons and property within  
25 Winnebago County in the emergency.

26 ~~**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that, by reason of the  
27 COVID-19 pandemic and related public health concerns, the Winnebago County Board Chairman or his designee  
28 has the authority to declare the need for and hold a virtual meeting of the County Board that is reasonably accessible  
29 (accessible remotely only) and otherwise consistent with Wisconsin's Open Meetings Law.~~

34 Respectfully submitted by:  
35 **PAUL EISEN, District 4**  
36 **BILL WINGREN, District 18**  
37 **SHILOH RAMOS, District 5**

38 Committee Vote: \_\_\_\_\_

39 Vote Required for Passage: **Majority of Those Present**

40 Approved by the Winnebago County Executive this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2020.

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44 Mark L. Harris  
45 Winnebago County Executive