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3 **RESOLUTION: Authorize the Winnebago County Clerk to Publish a Notice of**
4 **Referendum Regarding the Enactment of Proposed Legislation to**
5 **Support the Passage of an Amendment to the United States Constitution**
6 **to Reclaim Democracy from the Expansion of Corporate Personhood**
7 **Rights and the Corrupting Influence of Unlimited Political Contributions**
8 **and Spending**
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10 **TO THE WINNEBAGO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:**

11 **WHEREAS**, the group “United to Amend” is seeking support from “We the People” of Winnebago County to
12 reclaim democracy from the expansion of corporate personhood rights and the corrupting influence of unlimited
13 political contributions and spending by placing an advisory referendum on the ballot during the November 2020
14 general election; and

15 **WHEREAS**, § 59.52(25), Wis Stats, allows for a county board to conduct a county-wide referendum for
16 advisory purposes. A county-wide advisory referendum on the issue of whether or not to limit contributions by
17 corporations, unions, and other artificial entities would provide guidance to the state legislature as to the will of the
18 Winnebago County electorate on this issue. This resolution seeks authorization to conduct such a county-wide
19 advisory referendum.

20 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that it hereby
21 authorizes Winnebago County to conduct a county-wide advisory referendum to appear on ballots during the
22 November 2020 general election; and that a concise statement of the question be given and shall read as follows:

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24 ***Question: Should the state legislature enact proposed legislation to support passage of an***
25 ***amendment to the United States Constitution that seeks to reclaim democracy from the***
26 ***expansion of corporate personhood rights and the corrupting influence of unlimited political***
27 ***contributions and spending?***

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29 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that it hereby directs the
30 Winnebago County Corporation Counsel to prepare a Notice of Referendum to be published by the Winnebago
31 County Clerk in accordance with statutory requirements.

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33 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that this Resolution and the
34 referendum shall be filed with the Winnebago County Clerk no later than 70 days prior to the election at which the
35 question will appear on the ballot.

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37 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that it hereby directs the
38 Winnebago County Clerk to forward a copy of this Resolution to the Winnebago County Corporation Counsel and the
39 Winnebago County Executive in accordance with statutory requirements.
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Respectfully submitted by:

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STEPHANIE J SPELLMAN, District 10

Committee Vote: _____
Vote Required for Passage: **Majority of Those Present**

Approved by the Winnebago County Executive this _____ day of _____, 2018.

Mark L Harris
Winnebago County Executive