

1 **056-072018**

2 **RESOLUTION: Advocate the State Legislature to Prohibit the Use and Practice of**
3 **Conversion Therapy to Minors Within the State of Wisconsin**
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5 **TO THE WINNEBAGO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:**

6 **WHEREAS**, the Human Rights Campaign has rated Oshkosh 29th out of 100 in its 2017 Municipal Equality
7 Index, which examines how inclusive state, county, and city laws, policies, and services are of the LGBTQ people
8 who live and work in Oshkosh.

9 **WHEREAS**, conversion therapy is a practice that is detrimental to the mental, emotional, and physical well-
10 being of LGBTQ individuals; and

11 **WHEREAS**, “conversion therapy” means any practice that seeks to change an individual's gender
12 expression, gender identity, or sexual orientation, including efforts to change behaviors or to eliminate or reduce
13 sexual or romantic attractions or feelings toward individuals of the same sex; and

14 **WHEREAS**, “conversion therapy” does not include counseling or therapy that provides acceptance, support,
15 and understanding of the individual or the facilitation of an individual's coping, social support, and identity exploration
16 and development, including sexual orientation-neutral interventions to prevent or address unlawful conduct or unsafe
17 sexual practices, or counseling for an individual seeking to transition from one gender to another.

18 **WHEREAS**, California, Connecticut, District of Columbia, Hawaii, Illinois, Maryland, Nevada, New
19 Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, Oregon, Rhode Island, Vermont, and Washington, have all banned conversion
20 therapy for minors in their states; and

21 **WHEREAS**, 34 cities and/or counties including Milwaukee, WI, have passed local conversion therapy bans.

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23 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that Winnebago
24 County hereby advocates the prohibition of conversion therapy practices for individuals under 18 years of age in the
25 State of Wisconsin.

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27 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that it hereby supports the
28 implementation of a ban against the use of conversion therapy practices for individuals under the age of 18 pursuant
29 to amendments to the Wisconsin State Statutes and Administrative Code rules.

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31 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that it hereby directs the
32 Winnebago County Clerk to forward this Resolution to the Wisconsin Counties Association, the Office of Governor
33 Scott Walker, and all state legislators and assembly members representing Winnebago County constituents.

34 Respectfully submitted by:

35 **AARON WOJCIECHOWSKI, District 16**

36 Committee Vote: _____

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

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

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42 Mark L Harris
 Winnebago County Executive