

2 **RESOLUTION: Creating a Nonpartisan Procedure for the Preparation of State Legislative**  
3 **and Congressional Redistricting Plans**

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

7 **WHEREAS**, pursuant to Article IV, Section 3, of the Wisconsin State Constitution, the Wisconsin Legislature  
8 is directed to reapportion State legislative districts according to the number of inhabitants at the session following the  
9 decennial census; and

10 **WHEREAS**, because Wisconsin and federal legislative redistricting is controlled by the majority party at the  
11 time of redistricting, legislative and congressional plans in Wisconsin have been subject to partisan influence that  
12 puts the desires of politicians ahead of the electoral prerogative of the people; and

13 **WHEREAS**, a panel of Federal District court judges has ruled that the redistricting in Wisconsin that was  
14 completed in 2011 was unconstitutional; and

15 **WHEREAS**, legal fees in the defense of the 201 redistricting have already cost Wisconsin taxpayers in  
16 excess of \$2.1 million and litigation is ongoing; and

17 **WHEREAS**, redistricting in Wisconsin to achieve partisan gains by any party is improper.

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19 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that, prior to the  
20 start of the next redistricting process following the 2020 Federal Census, it hereby calls upon the State Legislature to  
21 pass legislation that creates a fair, nonpartisan procedure for the preparation of state legislative and congressional  
22 redistricting plans; that promotes more accountability and transparency; and that prohibits the consideration of voting  
23 patterns, party information, and incumbent residence or demographic information in the drawing of the district maps,  
24 except as necessary to ensure minority participation as required by law.

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26 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that it hereby advocates for an  
27 amendment to the Wisconsin Constitution giving responsibility of legislative redistricting to a nonpartisan committee.

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29 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that it directs the Winnebago  
30 County Clerk to forward a copy of this Resolution to Governor Scott Walker, State Representative Gordon Hintz,  
31 State Senator Dan Feyen, and the Wisconsin Counties Association.

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33 Respectfully submitted by:  
34 **JULIE GORDON, District 17**  
35 **AARON WOJCIECHOWSKI, District 16**  
36 **MIKE NORTON, District 20**

37 Vote Required for Passage: **Three-Fourths of Membership**

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39 Approved by the Winnebago County Executive this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2017.

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43 Mark L Harris  
Winnebago County Executive