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2 **RESOLUTION: Authorize Abolishing the Office of Coroner for Winnebago County and**
3 **Implementing a Medical Examiner System in Winnebago County**

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

7 **WHEREAS**, §59.20, Wis Stats, creates a four-year term for the elected office of coroner, and the current
8 term of the Winnebago county coroner ends on December 31, 2022; and

9 **WHEREAS**, pursuant to §17.01(13), Wis Stats, Winnebago County Coroner Barry Busby submitted his
10 resignation in writing to the Winnebago County Sheriff, stating his last day of serving as Winnebago County Coroner
11 will be October 31, 2019; and

12 **WHEREAS**, §17.21(1), Wis Stats, provides vacancies in the office of coroner shall be filled by appointment
13 of the governor for the residue of the unexpired term; and

14 **WHEREAS**, §§59.34 and 59.38, Wis Stats, provide that a county board can abolish the office of elected
15 coroner and implement a medical examiner system in which a medical examiner performs the same duties as a
16 coroner; and

17 **WHEREAS**, a county board can establish minimum qualifications for the individual filling a medical examiner
18 position and ensure that the position is filled by a competent individual; and

19 **WHEREAS**, details for a medical examiner system can be established in due course in accordance with
20 §59.38, Wis Stats.

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22 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that it hereby
23 authorizes Winnebago County to abolish the Office of Elected Coroner at the end of the incumbent's term or sooner
24 by the sitting coroner appointed by the governor.

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26 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that pursuant to
27 §59.17(2)(br), Wis Stats, the medical examiner shall be a Department Head appointed by the Winnebago County
28 Executive and confirmed by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors.

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30 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that the Judiciary and Public
31 Safety Committee will set policy for the position of medical examiner.

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33 Respectfully submitted by:

34 **JUDICIARY AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**

35 Committee Vote: **5-0**

36 Vote Required for Passage: **Two-Thirds of Membership**

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38 Approved by the Winnebago County Executive this ____ day of _____, 2019.

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42 Mark L Harris
Winnebago County Executive