

2 **RESOLUTION: In Support of Legislative Changes to Wis. Stat. Ch. 980 – Supervised**
3 **Release**

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

7 **WHEREAS**, Wis Stat. Ch. 980 currently provides for the supervised release of certain sex offenders to
8 various properties that meet statutory criteria, and for notice of said release to be provided to certain individuals once
9 the Court orders supervised release; and

10 **WHEREAS**, the Winnebago County Supervised Release Committee is tasked with identifying properties in
11 Winnebago County that meet statutory criteria, and with submitting a report regarding said properties to the
12 Wisconsin Department of Health Services for use in court, but neither the Supervised Release Committee nor its
13 members are Parties to the court action where placement is determined; and

14 **WHEREAS**, it is desirable for the Wisconsin Legislature to revise the Ch. 980 definition of "Youth Center"
15 which is currently defined as "... *any center that provides, on a regular basis, recreational, vocational, academic, or*
16 *social services activities for persons younger than 18 years old or for those persons and their families,*" in order to
17 specify whether the definition of a "Youth Center" : 1) may include a private residence; or 2) only includes licensed
18 centers and facilities, such as a Boys & Girls Club, and/or a YMCA or YWCA; and

19 **WHEREAS**, it is desirable for the Wisconsin Legislature to add an additional notice requirement to Ch. 980,
20 requiring that the State fund and provide written notice to any and all households within 1,500 feet of the property in
21 which a court places a Ch. 980 offender, with said notice including: 1) the name, address and recent headshot of the
22 offender; 2) the sex-related crimes for which the offender being released has been convicted of; 3) the restrictions
23 placed on the offender; and 4) how to report a violation of the restrictions placed on the offender.

24 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that it hereby
25 requests that Wisconsin Legislators make changes to Ch. 980 as described above in this Resolution; and

26 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a copy of this Resolution shall be sent via email to the Governor of the
27 State of Wisconsin, to the Winnebago County Legislative Delegation and to all Wisconsin County Clerks.

30 **Fiscal Impact:** None

31 Respectfully submitted by:

32 **LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE**

33 Committee Vote: **9-0 (7 Absent)**

34 Vote Required for Passage: **Three-Fourth of Those Present**

35 Approved by the Winnebago County Executive this ____ day of _____, 2021.

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42 Jonathan D. Doemel
Winnebago County Executive