IN SUPPORT OF A NONPARTISAN REDISTRICTING SYSTEM

TO THE DOOR COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

WHEREAS, Under current laws, Wisconsin’s legislative-district boundaries are redrawn by the Legislature following each decennial federal census; and

WHEREAS, At the same intervals, Wisconsin’s congressional districts are re-apportioned pursuant to federal law; and

WHEREAS, Legislative and congressional redistricting plans enacted pursuant to this procedure are used to elect members of the legislature and members of Congress in the fall of the second year following the year of the census; and

WHEREAS, Historically, legislative and congressional redistricting plans in Wisconsin have been susceptible to partisan influence and controversy. Litigation, related to the 2011 redistricting process, cost taxpayers nearly $1.9 million; and

WHEREAS, Allowing any party to control the redistricting process is, arguably, contrary to democracy and fairness, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Door County Board of Supervisors hereby goes on record as being in favor of a nonpartisan legislative and congressional redistricting system.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That such a process would promote more accountability, encourage transparency, garner broad bipartisan support, and prohibit the consideration of voting patterns, party information, and incumbents’ residence information or demographic information in drawing the maps, except as necessary to ensure minority participation as required by the U.S. Constitution.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, That the County Clerk is directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Governor of the State of Wisconsin, the Door County legislative delegation, each municipal clerk within the County of Door, and the Wisconsin Counties Association.

SUBMITTED BY: Legislative Committee

Reviewed by:

FISCAL IMPACT: The adoption of this resolution promotes a nonpartisan legislative & congressional redistricting system & is to be sent to the Governor, State of Wisconsin. sms

Certification:

I, Jill M. Lau, Clerk of Door County, hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of a resolution that was adopted on the 26th day of March, 2014 by the Door County Board of Supervisors.

Jill M. Lau
County Clerk, Door County

Susan Kohout, Chairman
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