RESOLUTION NO. 9-19

RESOLUTION AFFIRMING THE RIGHT OF ALL WISCONSIN CITIZENS TO FAIR AND EQUAL REPRESENTATION AND REQUESTING THE ENACTMENT OF A NONPARTISAN PROCESS FOR THE PREPARATION OF LEGISLATIVE AND CONGRESSIONAL REDISTRICTING PLANS

WHEREAS, currently, pursuant to Article IV, Section 3 of the Wisconsin Constitution, the Legislature is directed to redistrict legislative districts according to the number of inhabitants at its next session following each decennial federal census, and

WHEREAS, at the same intervals, the Legislature also reapportions congressional districts 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.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Fond du Lac County Board of Supervisors affirms that the determination of all levels of municipal, county, and state legislative and congressional redistricting plans could not include consideration of voting patterns, party information, incumbent residence information, and/or demographic information that in any way significantly distort the right of fair and equal representation afforded to all Wisconsin citizens under the state and federal constitutions.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Fond du Lac County Board of Supervisors strongly urges the Wisconsin legislative and executive branches to work together to enact bipartisan legislation that would create a fair and nonpartisan process for drawing legislative and congressional redistricting plans, as well as promote more accountability and transparency.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said legislation include language that prohibits the consideration of voting patterns, party information, incumbent residence information, and/or demographic information which serve to significantly distort the right of fair and equal representation afforded to all Wisconsin citizens under the state and federal constitutions.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Clerk is directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Governor of the state of Wisconsin, the Wisconsin Counties Association, the Wisconsin Towns Association, the League of Wisconsin Municipalities, all members of the state Legislature, and each Wisconsin county.
Dated April 16, 2019

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FISCAL NOTE: This resolution does not require an appropriation from the county general fund.

APPROVED BY:

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CERTIFICATION: I hereby certify this to be a true and exact copy of Resolution No. 9-19.

Ayes 21 Nays 1 Abstained ___ Excused 3 Absent ___

X Approved and adopted this 16th day of April 2019.

Lisa Freiberg
COUNTY CLERK