



A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF DEMOCRACY AND NONPARTISAN ELECTION ADMINISTRATION

RUSK COUNTY

TO THE RUSK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

ROLL CALL Board Members	AYE (Yes)	NAY (No)	Abstain / Excused
1. TERRY DUSELL	✓		
2. JERRY BILLER	✓		
3. ALAN RATHSACK	✓		
4. TONY HAUSER	✓		
5. TERRY WEDWICK	✓		
6. ROBERT STOUT	✓		
7. RANDY TATUR	✓		
8. TOM CUDO	✓		
9. PHIL UNTERSCHUETZ	✓		
10. JON UNTERSCHUETZ	✓		
11. PHIL SCHNEIDER	✓		
12. JIM MEYER	✓		
13. MARK SCHMITT	✓		
14. JOHN KALEPP	✓		
15. TOM HANSON	✓		
16. LOIS GOODE	✓		
17. DAVE WILLINGHAM	✓		
18. MICHAEL HRABAN	✓		
19. SHANE SANDERSON	✓		
TOTAL	19	0	0

BOARD ACTION

Vote Required: Majority Vote of a Quorum

Motion to Approve: Willingham Adopted Defeated

1st Schmitt 2nd Schmitt

No: 0 Yes: 19 Exc: 0

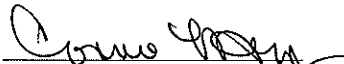
Reviewed by: _____, Corp. Counsel

Reviewed by: _____, Finance Director

FISCAL IMPACT: (Note if there is any fiscal impact or not)

Certification:

I, Connie Meyer, Clerk of Rusk County, hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of a resolution that was adopted on the 26 day of July, 2022 by the Rusk County Board of Supervisors.


 Connie Meyer
 County Clerk, Rusk County

1 **WHEREAS**, the survival of our constitutional republic depends on free
 2 and fair elections, where all eligible voters have the opportunity to make
 3 their voices heard, and,
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 5 **WHEREAS**, we believe our community has been well-served by the
 6 current system of nonpartisan election administration governed by the
 7 Wisconsin Election Commission, managed by our County Clerk, and
 8 administered by our friends and neighbors who serve as election
 9 inspectors, and,
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 11 **WHEREAS**, this County Board of Rusk strongly opposes any future
 12 attempts to seize power over elections from municipal clerks and the
 13 Wisconsin Election Commission to grant it to any partisan entity, and,
 14
 15 **WHEREAS**, as long as our non-partisan election administrators continue
 16 to administer our elections with accessibility, fairness, equality, safety, and
 17 security in mind, we are fully committed to standing behind them in the
 18 face of unfounded attacks.
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 20 **WHEREAS**, looking forward to the 2022 election and beyond, we call
 21 upon the state legislature and governor to work together to create
 22 legislation to provide for safer and secure election, specifically regarding
 23 unsecured drop boxes, voter roll integrity, and voting machine security.
 24 We call upon and support our municipal clerks, election inspectors, and
 25 the Wisconsin Election Commission to follow the prescribed laws in
 26 providing for free and fair elections.”
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 28 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the County Board of
 29 Rusk County express full confidence in our municipal clerks, election
 30 inspectors, and Wisconsin’s system of nonpartisan election administration
 31 led by the Wisconsin Election Commission.
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 33 **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that we support our friends and
 34 neighbors who serve as election inspectors and local election officials,
 35 including our municipal clerks.
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11 **WHEREAS**, these same election officials played a critical role in making
 12 the 2020 election safe, secure, and accessible during the COVID-19
 13 pandemic, and,
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15 **WHEREAS**, over the past year, some in our society have attempted to
 16 bully, threaten, and undermine nonpartisan election administrators, making
 17 it harder for election officials to do their jobs, which reduces faith in the
 18 electoral process and hurts the health of our democracy, and,
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20 **WHEREAS**, looking forward to the 2022 election and beyond, we
 21 reaffirm our conviction that nonpartisan election officials like our
 22 municipal clerks, election inspectors, and the Wisconsin Election
 23 Commission are best equipped to preside over free and fair elections, and
 24 should do so without the fear of threats and intimidation, and,
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40 **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that we call on state lawmakers to
 41 cease all attempts to undermine, disrupt, or revoke the Wisconsin Election
 42 Commission's authority over Wisconsin elections, as well as the authority
 43 of municipal clerks.
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