



TO CONDUCT COUNTYWIDE ADVISORY REFERENDUM ON CREATION OF NONPARTISAN PROCEDURE FOR THE PREPARATION OF LEGISLATIVE AND CONGRESSIONAL REDISTRICTING PLANS AND MAPS

ROLL CALL Board Members	AYE (Yes)	NAY (No)	Abstain / Excused
1. TERRY			
2. JERRY			
RUSK COUNTY			
3. ALAN RATHSACK			
4. TONY HAUSER			
5. TIMOTHY MILLER			
6. ROBERT STOUT			
7. RANDY TATUR			
8. LYLE LIEFFRING			
9. BILL MCBAIN			
10. KEN PEDERSEN			
11. PHIL SCHNEIDER			
12. JIM MEYER			
13. MARK SCHMITT			
14. LISA DOBROWOLSKI			
15. TOM HANSON			
16.			
17. DAVE WILLINGHAM			
18. MICHAEL HRABAN			
19. KEN BROWN			
TOTAL			

TO THE RUSK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

1 **WHEREAS**, the Rusk County Board of Supervisors on September 19, 2017 passed a
 2 resolution (17-25) calling for nonpartisan legislative and congressional redistricting
 3 maps; and
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5 **WHEREAS**, pursuant to Article IV, Section 3 of the Wisconsin Constitution, the
 6 Wisconsin Legislature is directed to redistrict state legislative districts "according to the
 7 number of inhabitants" at its next session following the decennial federal census. The
 8 legislature also reapportions congressional districts at the same interval pursuant to
 9 federal law; and
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11 **WHEREAS**, there are numerous indicators that the citizens of Wisconsin are concerned
 12 about the practice of redistricting by whichever party holds the majority, because it may
 13 stifle political participation and competition, discourage collaboration and compromise,
 14 and lack the fairness necessary to our democratic process, by undermining the principle
 15 of one-person-one vote.
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17 **WHEREAS**, the current procedure allows the legislature of the majority party to prepare
 18 redistricting plans and maps that may result in unfair partisan plans and maps, allowing
 19 the legislature to choose its voters rather than the voters choosing their representatives,
 20 which is commonly called gerrymandering.
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22 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Rusk County Board of
 23 Supervisors, in legal session assembled, does hereby approve that the following question
 24 be placed on the November 3, 2020 ballot as an advisory referendum question:
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26 **Question: Should the Wisconsin legislature create a nonpartisan procedure for the**
 27 **preparation of legislative and congressional district plans and maps?**
 28 **YES _____ NO _____**
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30 **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Corporation Counsel prepare a Notice of
 31 Referendum to be published by the Rusk County Clerk in accordance with statutory
 32 requirements;
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34 **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this resolution and the referendum shall be
 35 filed with the Rusk County Clerk no later than 70 days prior to the November 3, 2020
 36 election at which the question will appear on the ballot.
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38 **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the County Clerk is directed to send results
 39 of the referendum to the Governor of the State of Wisconsin, the Wisconsin Counties
 40 Association, the Wisconsin Towns Association, the Wisconsin League of Municipalities,
 41 all members of the State Legislature, and to each Wisconsin County Board.
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BOARD ACTION

Vote Required: Majority Vote of a Quorum

Motion to Approve Adopted

1st _____ Defeated

2nd _____

No: _____ Yes: _____ Exc: _____

Reviewed by: _____, Corp. Counsel

Reviewed by: _____, Finance Director

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

Certification:

I, Loren Beebe, Clerk of Rusk County, hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of a resolution that was adopted on the _____ day of _____, 2020 by the Rusk County Board of Supervisors.

 Loren Beebe
 County Clerk, Rusk County

SUBMITTED BY:

 David Willingham, Chairman