

RESOLUTION REQUESTING A NONPARTISAN PROCEDURE  
FOR THE PREPARATION OF LEGISLATIVE  
AND CONGRESSIONAL REDISTRICTING PLANS

1 WHEREAS, currently under the state constitution, the legislature is directed to redistrict  
2 legislative districts according to the number of inhabitants at its next session following the  
3 decennial federal census by the majority party; and at the same intervals, the legislature also  
4 reapportions congressional districts pursuant to federal law; and  
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6 WHEREAS, legislative and congressional redistricting plans enacted pursuant to this  
7 procedure are used to elect members of the legislature and members of Congress in the fall of  
8 the second year following the year of the census; and  
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10 WHEREAS, historically legislative and congressional plans in Wisconsin have been subject to  
11 partisan influence that put the desires of politicians ahead of the electoral prerogative of the  
12 people; and  
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14 WHEREAS, the 2011 partisan drawing of maps lead to litigation that cost taxpayers nearly  
15 \$1.9 million; and  
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17 WHEREAS, a panel of federal district court judges has ruled that the redistricting that was  
18 done in Wisconsin in 2011 was unconstitutional; and  
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20 WHEREAS, redistricting to achieve partisan gains is improper, whether it is done by  
21 Republicans or Democrats; and  
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23 WHEREAS, Monroe County itself has created supervisory districts, pursuant to §59.10 Wis.  
24 Stats., in a nonpartisan manner and also balancing city, village and town interests and believes  
25 that that approach has well served the citizens of Monroe County, Wisconsin.  
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27 NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Monroe County Board of Supervisors states its  
28 support for the creation of a nonpartisan procedure for the preparation of legislative and  
29 congressional redistricting plans; and  
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31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the process promote more accountability and transparency  
32 and prohibits the consideration of voting patterns, party information, and incumbents' residence  
33 information or demographic information in drawing the maps, except as necessary to ensure  
34 minority participation as required by the U.S. Constitution.  
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36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Clerk is directed to send a copy of this resolution  
37 to the Governor of the State of Wisconsin, the Wisconsin Counties Association, the Wisconsin  
38 Towns Association, the Wisconsin League of Municipalities, all members of the state legislature,  
39 and to each Wisconsin County.

Offered by the Administrative & Personnel Committee this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of August, 2017.

Fiscal Note: Postage and indirect personnel costs to provide the resolution to the parties set out above.

Purpose: To inform the above identified parties of the position of Monroe County against partisan agendas being utilized in establishing voting districts.

<p>Finance Vote (If required): ____ Yes ____ No ____ Absent ***** Approved as to form on <u>8-8-17</u> <u>Andrew C. Kaftan</u> Andrew C. Kaftan, Corporation Counsel</p>	<p>Committee of Jurisdiction Forwarded on: <u>August 8</u>, 20<u>17</u> VOTE: Yes <u>4</u> No <u>1</u> Absent Committee Chair: <u>Wallace Nabholz</u> <u>Mary Ann Puden</u> <u>John Peterson</u> <u>Carly</u> <u>Sharon Falcey</u></p>
<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ADOPTED <input type="checkbox"/> FAILED <input type="checkbox"/> AMENDED <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER _____ County Board Vote on: <u>Aug 23</u> 20<u>17</u> <u>10</u> Yes <u>6</u> No <u>0</u> Absent</p>	<p>STATE OF WISCONSIN COUNTY OF MONROE I, SHELLEY R. BOHL, Monroe County Clerk, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of Resolution # <u>08-17-08</u> acted on by the Monroe County Board of Supervisors at the meeting held on <u>August 23, 2017</u> <u>Shelley R. Bohl</u> SHELLEY R. BOHL, MONROE COUNTY CLERK A raised seal certifies an official document.</p>