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3 **RESOLUTION: Requesting the State of Wisconsin Revise the Current Real Estate Transfer**
4 **Fee Revenue Sharing Formula**

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6 **TO THE WINNEBAGO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:**

7 **WHEREAS**, the collection by counties of a real estate transfer fee was mandated by the State of Wisconsin in
8 1969, and included a requirement that counties remit 50% of all transfer fees collected to the State; and

9 **WHEREAS**, in 1981 the State arbitrarily changed the transfer fee formula to now require counties to remit to the
10 State 80% of all transfer fees collected; and

11 **WHEREAS**, the County through the Register of Deeds office assumes the annual operating costs of
12 recording all real estate transfers occurring in Winnebago County, including the collection of real estate transfer fees;
13 and

14 **WHEREAS**, in 2021 Winnebago County collected \$3,519,549.00 in real estate transfer fees with the County's
15 20% retained share totaling \$703,909.80, and was required to remit 80% or \$2,815,639.20 to the State; and

16 **WHEREAS**, in 2021 the State of Wisconsin has built up a budget surplus of approximately \$2.5 billion
17 dollars, while many Wisconsin counties continue to struggle financially due to the ever-increasing costs of providing
18 county government services in an inflationary economy, coupled with the financial restrictions imposed by State
19 mandated levy limits; and

20 **WHEREAS**, in an effort to financially assist all Wisconsin Counties, Winnebago County requests that the State
21 of Wisconsin return the real estate transfer fee share formula to again allow Wisconsin Counties to retain 50% of all total
22 real estate transfer fees collected, with 50% to be remitted to the State.

23 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that the State of
24 Wisconsin is hereby requested to revise the real estate transfer fee share formula to again allow Wisconsin Counties
25 to retain 50% of all real estate transfer fees collected, with 50% to be remitted to the State.

26 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that a copy of this resolution
27 is sent to Governor Tony Evers, all members of the State Legislature representing Winnebago County, the Wisconsin
28 Counties Association and all other Wisconsin Counties.

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30 *Fiscal Note: This resolution has no fiscal impact at this time.*

31 Respectfully submitted by:

32 **LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE**

33 Committee Vote: **9-0**

34 Respectfully submitted by:

35 **JUDICIARY & PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**

36 Committee Vote: **4-0**

37 Vote Required for Passage: **Three-Fourths of Those Present**

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39 Approved by the Winnebago County Executive this ____ day of _____, 2022.

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43 Jonathan D. Doemel
Winnebago County Executive