

1 **59-62010**

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3 **RESOLUTION: Request Sheriff to Read Declaration of**
4 **Independence on Courthouse Steps on**
5 **July 4, 2010**

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

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9 **WHEREAS**, the Continental Congress, by a Declaration of Independence, dated July 4,
10 1776, clearly declared the inhabitants of New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Rhode Island,
11 Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, North
12 Carolina, South Carolina, and Georgia, were no longer colonial subjects to be exploited
13 arbitrarily by servants of the King and Parliament of Great Britain, but now were free citizens of
14 their own territories, and that free citizens should constitute the governments for those
15 territories; and

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17 **WHEREAS**, the Continental Congress provided that same day, by orders of their House,
18 that their Declaration should be proclaimed aloud and published to the free citizens of the
19 territories represented in their Congress; and

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21 **WHEREAS**, the notification of the Declaration to responsible citizens was then done by
22 sheriffs, who proclaimed it at the courthouse steps, by clergymen, who read it from their pulpits,
23 and by printers, who printed it in their gazettes; and

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25 **WHEREAS**, the Continental Congress thus initiated a process that has created the
26 Constitutions and state governments of our Union including the Constitution and government of
27 the State of Wisconsin.

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29 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Winnebago County Board of
30 Supervisors that it hereby requests Sheriff Michael Brooks to read the Declaration of
31 Independence from the steps of the Courthouse at 8:00 a.m. on the morning of July 4, 2010, as
32 this was the custom in the early history of our country.

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34 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that we
35 ask Sheriff Brooks to read the document without further comment or speech. This event is
36 intended for those present to hear the words of the Declaration as we begin to celebrate our
37 Day of Independence.

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39 Submitted by:

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41 **Bill Wingren, District 18**
42 **Winnebago County Board of Supervisors**

43 Committee Vote: _____

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45 Vote Requirement for Passage:
46 **Majority of Those Present**

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48 Approved by the Winnebago County Executive this _____ day of
49 _____, 2010.

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52 Mark L Harris
53 Winnebago County Executive