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3 **RESOLUTION: Ongoing Commitment of the Oath of the Winnebago County Board**

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

7 **WHEREAS**, the United States Constitution is the oldest written national constitution in the world and serves as
8 the fundamental document that establishes the role of government and defines the basic rights of all people; and

9 **WHEREAS**, The Constitution's first three words, "We the People" affirm that the United States government
10 exists to serve the people of this nation and not the other way around; and

11 **WHEREAS**, the amendments to the United States Constitution provide specific guarantees of personal
12 freedoms, clearly defined limitations on the government's power, and explicit declarations that all rights and powers
13 not granted to the U.S. Congress are reserved for the states or the people; and

14 **WHEREAS**, the Constitution of the State of Wisconsin was ratified in 1848 and is one of the oldest U.S. state
15 constitutions still in use, ratified the Bill of Rights, and contains a Declaration of Rights which state in Article I:

16 "All people are born equally free and independent, and have certain
17 inherent rights; among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of
18 happiness; to secure these rights, governments are instituted,
19 deriving their just power from the consent of the governed."

20 **WHEREAS**, each member of the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors took an Oath of Office swearing to
21 support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Wisconsin.

22 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that the
23 Winnebago County Board of Supervisors reaffirms the oath that each of its members has taken.

24 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors shall at all times uphold its
25 duty to honor and respect the rights of the citizenry and shall zealously protect the fundamental liberties and
26 freedoms We the People hold dear and sacred and challenge all those who would seek to infringe upon the rights of
27 the people.

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29 *Fiscal Impact: No fiscal impact.*

30 Respectfully submitted by:

31 **JUDICIARY AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**

32 Committee Vote: **5-0**

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34 Vote Required for Passage: **Majority of Members Present**

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

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39 Jonathan D. Doemel
40 Winnebago County Executive
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