

**RESOLUTION: RATIFYING A PROCLAMATION OF A COUNTY EMERGENCY DUE TO EXTREME WINTER WEATHER AND UNPLANNED STAFFING SHORTAGES AND TEMPORARY CLOSING OF THE DAY BY DAY WARMING SHELTER**

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

**WHEREAS**, on Monday, December 19, 2022, county officials were notified that the Day by Day Warming Shelter, a non-profit shelter in the City of Oshkosh, was facing significant staffing shortages and needed to temporarily close its overnight sheltering operation beginning December 21, 2022 and lasting through January 8, 2023; and

**WHEREAS**, on Tuesday, December 20, 2022, County Executive Jon Doemel signed an emergency proclamation pursuant to Wis. Stat §323.14(4)(b) that an imminent threat of disaster existed in Winnebago County because of the extreme winter weather and the temporary closing of the Day by Day Warming Shelter; and

**WHEREAS**, on Thursday, December 22, 2022, Governor Tony Evers issued an Energy Emergency to ensure energy fuel stability which was likely to occur due to demand for home heating increased by extreme cold weather conditions, and extreme cold temperatures; and

**WHEREAS**, Winter Storm Elliot resulted in significant snowfall, heavy winds, and blizzard conditions across the nation, state, and county, which would have likely resulted in significant injury and/or death to those unsheltered or living in homes without heat; and

**WHEREAS**, Winnebago County staff, with support from the City of Oshkosh, continues to operate a 24/7 emergency shelter at the location of the Day by Day Warming Shelter beginning Wednesday, December 21, 2022 which continues to shelter dozens of the county's residents; and

**WHEREAS**, the Interstate 41 causeway over Lake Butte des Morts and other county roadways suffered white-out conditions for several days as the wind blew snow across the roadways causing near 24/7 plowing operations for the county's highway department team; and

**WHEREAS**, while the weather has improved, the Day by Day Warming Shelter is still facing staffing shortages and needs more time to successfully train and equip newly hired staff to be successful; and

**WHEREAS**, County Executive Jon Doemel has requested a cross-department task force to work with the Day by Day Warming Shelter to plan for future needs and ensure continuity of operations.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that pursuant to Wis. Stat § 323.11, it ratifies the emergency proclamation of County Executive Jon Doemel on December 20, 2022, and affirms an emergency existed within Winnebago County as a result of the bitter cold and snow brought by Winter Storm Elliot and that emergency concluded on December 29, 2022.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that as a result of Day by Day Warming Shelter's planned temporary closure and potential for further operational challenges, pursuant to Wis. Stat §323.11, beginning on December 20, 2022, an emergency exists in the county and this body grants the County Executive, in consultation with the County Board Chairperson, general authority under Wis. Stat. §323.14(4) in order to be expedient for the health, safety, protection, and welfare of persons unsheltered, who would be otherwise left in the cold of the Wisconsin winter until the earlier of February 28, 2023, or the County Executive, in consultation with the County Board Chairperson, determines the staffing operations of the Day by Day Warming Shelter are stable.

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44 Fiscal Note: *Total costs are undetermined at this time; however, there is not an anticipated need for a budget transfer*  
45 *as many of the expenses can be handled under currently budgeted dollars. There are no long-term obligations for*  
46 *future budgets as a result of passing this resolution.*

47 Respectfully submitted by:  
48 **CHAIRMAN THOMAS J. EGAN**

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50 Vote Required for Passage: **Majority of those present**

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52 Approved by the Winnebago County Executive this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023.

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56 Jonathan D. Doemel  
Winnebago County Executive