

1 **166-012023**

2

3 **RESOLUTION: Dissolve the Diversity Affairs Commission in its Current Form**

4

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

6 **WHEREAS**, the Diversity Affairs Commission (DAC) was approved by the Winnebago County Board of
7 Supervisors in December of 2020; the by-laws and strategic plan were approved in January of 2022, and complete
8 board approval occurred in March of 2022 (With a new Board incoming in 5/2022): the strategic plans ended in
9 December of 2022; and

10 **WHEREAS**, the DAC was started during the pandemic, and the isolation of the pandemic, stressed our
11 interpersonal relations; and

12 **WHEREAS**, since the inception of the DAC obtaining and retaining members has been difficult; and

13 **WHEREAS**, the tasks, function, and outreach opportunities of the DAC can be handled by other entities, (i.e.
14 Winnebago Health Department, Human Services, UW Fox Cities, UW Oshkosh, UW extension, private entities, places of
15 worship); and

16 **WHEREAS**, the only stated goal of the DAC is to promote educational events; and

17 **WHEREAS**, other public organizations in Winnebago County, the Wisconsin Counties Association (WCA) and
18 other private enterprises in Winnebago County have existing programs to help support members of our community in the
19 area of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion and initiatives which provide funding of the educational outreach and are able to
20 reach so many diverse groups; and

21 **WHEREAS**, the DAC, since July of 2022 has had very limited support, especially from UW Extension, Education
22 and Agriculture support, which is the committee of Jurisdiction, and as there is no committed UW extension staff member
23 able to commit sufficient time until late spring/summer of 2023.

24

25 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Diversity Affairs Commission be dissolved, with the
26 understanding that it can be re-evaluated to better fit the needs of our community, post pandemic.

27

28 *Fiscal Note: No fiscal impact other than savings in per diem payments for commission members, in an undetermined*
29 *amount.*

30

31 Respectfully submitted by:

32 **KAY HORAN, District 5**

33 **JACOB FLOAM, District 16**

34 **NATE GUSTAFSON, District 28**

35 **DONALD NUSSBAUM, District 9**

36 **SHANAH ZASTERA, District 32**

37

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

39

40

41

42 Approved by the Winnebago County Executive this ____ day of _____, 2023.

43

44

45

46

Jonathan D. Doemel
Winnebago County Executive