

2 **RESOLUTION: Support Censure and Issuance of a No-Confidence Vote Against**
3 **Winnebago County Coroner Barry Busby**

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

7 **WHEREAS**, Chapter 19, Wis Stats, codifies a Code of Ethics for Public Officials and Employees; and
8 **WHEREAS**, the Wisconsin Legislature recognizes that high moral and ethical standards among public
9 officials is essential to the conduct of free government, will improve standards of public service, and will promote and
10 strengthen the faith and confidence of Wisconsin residents in their public officials and employees; and
11 **WHEREAS**, §19.42(7u), Wis Stats, defines a local governmental unit as a political subdivision of this state;
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13 **WHEREAS**, §19.47(7w), Wis Stats, defines a local public office as an elective office of a local governmental
14 unit; and
15 **WHEREAS**, §19.59(1)(a), Wis Stats, provides in pertinent part that no local public official may use his or her
16 public position or office to obtain financial gain or anything of substantial value for the private benefit of himself or
17 herself or his or her immediate family; and
18 **WHEREAS**, §19.59(1)(c)(2), Wis Stats, provides no local public official may use his or her office or position
19 in a way that produces or assists in the production of a substantial benefit, direct or indirect, for the official or one or
20 more members of the official’s immediate family either separately or together; and
21 **WHEREAS**, under Wisconsin State Law, coroners are authorized to investigate deaths in which there are
22 unexplained, unusual, or suspicious circumstances; and
23 **WHEREAS**, Barry Busby was initially appointed as the Winnebago County Coroner in 1997. Mr. Busby has
24 served as the Winnebago County Coroner for the past 22 years, most recently being elected in November 2018; and
25 **WHEREAS**, credible information has surfaced demonstrating that Mr. Busby has spent weeks at a time out
26 of state during 2018 and 2019; and
27 **WHEREAS**, Winnebago County telephone records associated with Mr. Busby’s county-issued cell phone
28 show him making or receiving calls from out of the state for most of this past winter, starting only weeks after his re-
29 election; and
30 **WHEREAS**, in Mr. Busby’s absence from this State, one of Winnebago County’s deputy coroners must cover
31 Coroner Busby’s absence, incurring a cost to tax payers because deputies are paid on a per diem basis with
32 additional expense reimbursement; and
33 **WHEREAS**, additional information has surfaced regarding sexual harassment allegations leveled against Mr.
34 Busby, some of which Mr. Busby does not deny; and
35 **WHEREAS**, §59.34(1)(b), Wis Stats, provides that the coroner shall exercise all the powers and duties of the
36 sheriff and undersheriff of that county in their absence.

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38 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that it hereby
39 censures Coroner Barry Busby and issues a No-Confidence Vote against Winnebago County Coroner Barry Busby.
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