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**RESOLUTION: Requesting the State of Wisconsin Review and Revise the Entry Level Compensation Rate for Assistant District Attorneys**

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

**WHEREAS**, Assistant District Attorneys serve as the backbone of the State of Wisconsin's ability to prosecute criminal cases in all of its seventy-two counties; and

**WHEREAS**, any shortage of these Assistant District Attorneys creates backups in the justice system, which can lengthen cases, create more pressure on existing staff and delay or deny justice to individuals party to these cases; and

**WHEREAS**, the entry level compensation rate for Assistant District Attorneys in Wisconsin in 2022 sits at \$26.70 per hour which is annualized to around \$54,000 a year; and

**WHEREAS**, this entry level compensation rate for Assistant District Attorneys has not kept up with the rate of inflation and sits well below the national average for similar positions in District Attorney offices across the country; and

**WHEREAS**, this entry level compensation rate for Assistant District Attorneys sits below other public sector attorney positions in both Winnebago County and the State of Wisconsin; and

**WHEREAS**, this entry level compensation rate for Assistant District Attorneys is not competitive in today's workforce environment, accelerates staff turnover in District Attorney offices around Wisconsin and endangers public safety; and

**WHEREAS**, in an effort to make Wisconsin District Attorney offices more competitive in their entry level compensation offerings for Assistant District Attorneys, Winnebago County requests that the State of Wisconsin review and revise the entry level compensation rate for Assistant District Attorneys to remain competitive with similar positions in District Attorney offices around the country, other public sector attorney positions and the private sector as well as to keep up the rate of inflation.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that the State of Wisconsin is hereby requested to review and revise the entry level compensation rate for Assistant District Attorneys in order to remain competitive with similar positions in District Attorney offices around the country, other public sector attorney positions and the private sector as well as to keep up with the rate of inflation.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that a copy of this resolution is sent to Governor Tony Evers, all members of the Wisconsin State Legislature representing Winnebago County, the Wisconsin Counties Association and all other Wisconsin Counties.

Respectfully submitted by:  
**JACOB FLOAM, DISTRICT 16**

Committee Vote: \_\_\_\_\_

Respectfully submitted by:  
**JUDICIARY AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**

Committee Vote: \_\_\_\_\_

Vote Required for Passage: Majority of those members present

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Approved by the Winnebago County Executive this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2022.

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Jonathan D. Doemel  
Winnebago County Executive

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