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3 **RESOLUTION: Prohibiting the Use of Private Donations to Administer Elections**

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

7 **WHEREAS**, during Wisconsin's 2020 General Election a private, non-profit entity, the Center for Tech and Civic  
8 Life, furnished approximately \$8.5 million to five Wisconsin cities and an additional \$1.6 million to over 200 other  
9 Wisconsin municipalities; and

10 **WHEREAS**, by accepting these grants municipalities agreed to certain conditions related to election  
11 administration which directly impacted the procedures adopted by municipalities that were recipients of the grant funding  
12 while other municipalities that did not receive the grants did not implement the same measures; and

13 **WHEREAS**, by accepting these grants municipalities granted special access to voter data to agents of the  
14 special interest group, including the ability to manage municipal staff and special access to ballots; and

15 **WHEREAS**, voters need to be able to trust that their local election officials are acting in a non-partisan capacity  
16 and are not under the influence of private resources that might impact how an election is administered; and

17 **WHEREAS**, the ability to accept private funds for election administration can be used by any political party or  
18 special interest group to improperly influence the outcome of elections; and

19 **WHEREAS**, the ability of a privately-funded special interest group to participate in an election in this manner  
20 allows for circumvention of campaign finance laws and creates the appearance of unfairness in election  
21 administration; and

22 **WHEREAS**, in order to have a well-functioning election, voters need to have trust in the fairness of the process.

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24 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that it prohibits the  
25 use of private donations from special interest groups, people, or other private entities by government for the  
26 purposes of election administration within Winnebago County.

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28 Respectfully submitted by:

29 **NATE GUSTAFSON, DISTRICT 28**

30 **CONLEY HANSON, DISTRICT 26**

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33 Vote Required for Passage: **MAJORITY**

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

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Jonathan D. Doemel  
Winnebago County Executive