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2 **RESOLUTION: Support Legislation Requiring Online-Only Retailers to Collect and Remit**
3 **Wisconsin Sales Tax**
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5 **TO THE WINNEBAGO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:**

6 **WHEREAS**, under current law, many online-only retailers are refusing to collect and remit sales taxes in
7 states where they do not have a physical presence; and

8 **WHEREAS**, this creates an unfair price advantage for online-only retailers over traditional brick-and-mortar
9 Wisconsin businesses that provide Wisconsin-based jobs; and

10 **WHEREAS**, as the amount of unpaid taxes by some individuals grows, more revenue needs to be collected
11 from everyone else to compensate; and

12 **WHEREAS**, Wisconsin state and local sales tax revenue is estimated between \$100 and \$200 million
13 annually; and

14 **WHEREAS**, sale tax revenues are an important component of state and local government budgets.

15 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that it hereby
16 supports legislation requiring online retailers with subsidiaries or affiliates located in Wisconsin to collect and remit
17 Wisconsin state and local tax.

18 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that it hereby directs the
19 Winnebago County Clerk to transmit a copy of this Resolution to the Governor of the State of Wisconsin, to
20 legislators representing Winnebago County constituents, and to the Wisconsin Counties' Association.

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22 Respectfully submitted by:

23 **LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE**

24 Committee Vote: **12-1-2 (abstain)**

25 Vote Required for Passage: **Majority of Those Present**

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27 Approved by the Winnebago County Executive this ____ day of _____, 2012.

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Mark L Harris
Winnebago County Executive