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## RESOLUTION: Support 2013 Assembly Bill 481 (Sale of Tobacco Products)

## TO THE WINNEBAGO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

**WHEREAS**, 2013 Assembly Bill 481, if passed, would make a number of changes in present state law in relationship to the sale of tobacco products; and

**WHEREAS**, said Bill would increase the tax rate on tobacco products, not including moist snuff, from 71% to 84% of the manufacturer's list price to distributors; and

**WHEREAS**, said Bill would also increase the tax rate on smokeless tobacco products, such as snuff, to an amount equal to the cigarette tax imposed on a pack of 20 cigarettes for 1.2 ozs of loose leaf tobacco product or a proportionate rate for any other quantity; and

**WHEREAS**, said Bill would require a retailer to place cigarettes or tobacco products only in locations that are not accessible to customers without the assistance of a retailer or his agent (said restriction would not apply to cigarettes or tobacco products sold in a vending machine at a business where individuals under the age of 18 are prohibited from entering); and

WHEREAS, a retailer who violates the Bill restriction would be subject to a forfeiture of not more than \$500 if the retailer has committed a previous violation within 12 months and a forfeiture of not less than \$200 nor more than \$500 if the retailer has not committed a previous violation within the past 12 months; and suspension of the retailers license depending on the number of previous violations committed by the retailer; and

WHEREAS, your undersigned Legislative Committee supports AB 481.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that it hereby supports passage of 2013 Assembly Bill 481.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that it hereby directs the Winnebago County Clerk to transmit a copy of this Resolution to all legislators representing Winnebago County constituents; to the Wisconsin Counties Association; and to the Office of Governor Scott Walker.

Respectfully submitted by:

**LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE** 

30 Committee Vote: Passed by Voice Vote

Vote Required for Passage: Majority of Those Present

Approved by the Winnebago County Executive this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 2014.

Mark L Harris

Winnebago County Executive

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