

RESOLUTION
ROCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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PROCLAIMING APRIL 2018 NATIONAL COUNTY GOVERNMENT MONTH
“Serving the Underserved”

1 **WHEREAS**, the nation’s 3,069 counties serving more than 300 million Americans provide essential services
2 to create healthy, safe and vibrant communities; and
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4 **WHEREAS**, counties move America forward by providing health care, administering justice, keeping
5 communities safe, creating economic opportunities and much more; and
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7 **WHEREAS**, Rock County and all counties take pride in their responsibility to protect and enhance the health,
8 welfare and safety of its residents in efficient and cost-effective ways; and
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10 **WHEREAS**, through National Association of Counties (NACo) President Roy Charles Brooks’ “Serving the
11 Underserved” initiative, NACo is focusing on the critical role counties play in breaking multi-generational
12 cycles of poverty; and
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14 **WHEREAS**, in order for the community to remain healthy, vibrant and safe, America’s counties provide
15 public health, justice, safety, infrastructure, transportation, technology, environmental stewardship and
16 economic services that play a key role in everything from residents’ daily commutes to emergency response;
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19 **WHEREAS**, each year since 1991, NACo has encouraged counties across the country to actively promote
20 their own programs and services to the public they serve; and
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22 **WHEREAS**, Rock County’s Diversity & Inclusion Vision statement declares that Rock County is committed
23 to a diverse workforce that increases creativity and provides a safe, inclusive and motivating environment for
24 all employees, citizens and those we serve. Rock County promotes a workplace that provides respect, fairness
25 and work-life balance; maintains opportunities for all to excel in their careers; and is void of discrimination and
26 prejudice; and
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28 **WHEREAS**, Rock County further believes that community involvement plays an essential role in service to
29 Rock County citizens; and
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31 **WHEREAS**, a portion of Rock County’s budget is contributed to nonprofit agencies in various programs
32 yearly. In 2018, a few of those agencies were the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program, YWCA of Rock
33 County, Family Services of Southern Wisconsin and Northern Illinois and Court Appointed Special
34 Advocates; and
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36 **WHEREAS**, Council on Aging provides numerous resources to the disabled and elderly, as well as
37 family members, neighbors, friends and caregivers alike. One such resource is the Rock County
38 Specialized Transit, which provides door-to-door transportation service for a nominal fee to individuals at
39 least 55 years of age or disabled for work-related transportation, shopping or personal business, medical
40 appointments or for social trips; and
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42 **WHEREAS**, Rock County Communications Center (9-1-1) is designed to provide the most efficient
43 method for citizens to obtain fast, effective public safety services 24 hours a day throughout the year. The
44 Rock County 911 Communications Center has voluntarily been fully accredited by the CALEA Public
45 Safety Communications Accreditation Program since July, 2000. They continually provided 911 education
46 and innovatively stay connected with the community through their Community Involvement Coordinator
47 and by their public safety/service videos with local adults and children; and
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49 **WHEREAS**, the Evidence Based Decision Making Ad Hoc Committee is working collaboratively with
50 local, county and state departments to use research and data to guide decisions that will result in improved
51 system outcomes for the individual and the community; and
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53 **WHEREAS**, the Housing and Community Development Division assists with the provision of health,
54 durable and affordable housing for eligible Rock County properties and residents by successfully
55 administering the Planning & Development Committee, approved Housing programs and the Rock
56 County Loan portfolio; and

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58 **WHEREAS**, '*Building upon the strengths of clients to encourage independence by providing quality*
59 *services with respect for the dignity of all persons served*' is a fundamental belief for the Human Services
60 Department. Some of their services include ARDC, Behavioral Health, Children, Youth & Families and
61 Economic Support. Some of the Youth and Family Development Services include Aggression
62 Replacement Training (A.R.T.), community service, Developing & Inspiring Values Among Sisters
63 (DIVAS), Evening Report, and Nurturing and Essential Skills Training (NEST); and

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65 **WHEREAS**, the Rock County Public Health Department is '*the catalyst that cultivates a spirit of*
66 *wellness and improves the quality of life by promoting healthier lifestyles and environments through*
67 *collaborative community partnerships.*' The Rock County Public Health Department is responsible for
68 monitoring, protecting and promoting the health of those who work, live and play in Rock County. They
69 assist with routinely preventing disease outbreaks, controlling the spread of illness and ensuring safe
70 living environments; and

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72 **WHEREAS**, Rock Haven serves those in need of rehabilitation, the frail elderly, those with behavioral,
73 emotional and psychiatric needs and those with developmental disabilities. As quality of life is very
74 important, Rock Haven provides a variety of activities coordinated by their recreational therapy staff and
75 volunteers. On campus activities include live music, games, craft projects, movies, groups and more.
76 Through our own transportation service we are able to take residents on community outings such as
77 bowling, shows, or picnics; and

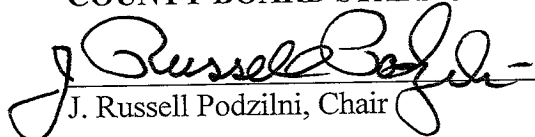
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79 **WHEREAS**, the Rock County Sheriff's Office plays in integral part in many community based events,
80 such as National Night Out, Gutter Busters and Cops and Bobbers. One way the Sheriff's Office has
81 worked hard at building and maintaining positive and trustworthy relationships is through the Community
82 Corrections Bureau (CCB). The CCB offers programs, such as Workender and RECAP, that provides low
83 risk inmates with opportunities for positive contributions to society by performing work at numerous
84 charitable and non-profit organizations rather than be housed in the jail; and

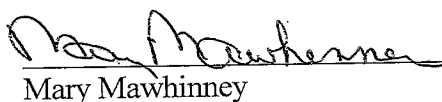
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86 **WHEREAS**, Rock County and its employees continuously and actively engage in programs and services
87 offered to the public, such as Fast Feet for Families, Rock for Recovery, Hope over Heroin, and many more
88 programs and services that protect and enhance the health, welfare and safety of its residents than just those
89 listed above.

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91 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled
92 this 12th day of April, 2018 does hereby proclaim April 2018 as National County Government
93 Month in honor of all county officials, employees and partners.

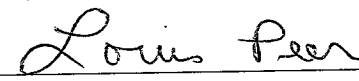
Respectfully submitted,

COUNTY BOARD STAFF COMMITTEE

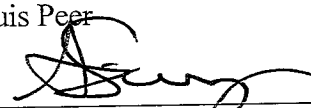

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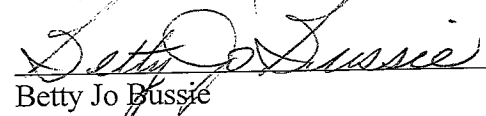

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