

RESOLUTION

ROCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

District Attorney
David J. O'Leary
INITIATED BY



David J. O'Leary
DRAFTED BY

Public Safety & Justice Committee
SUBMITTED BY

August 20, 2020
DATE DRAFTED

RECOGNIZING ROCK COUNTY DEPUTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY PERRY FOLTS

1 **WHEREAS**, Perry graduated from Marquette University Law School in 1983 and he began practicing
2 law with Attorney John Sheehan; in 1985 Perry was hired as an Assistant District Attorney by District
3 Attorney James Daley; Perry was appointed and then was elected District Attorney for Rock County
4 from 1989 until 1992. One of his many accomplishments as DA was to start the first Child Advocacy
5 Center in the State of Wisconsin, the Rock County CARE House. The purpose of the CARE House is to
6 provide a safe place for children who have been abused or sexually assaulted to be interviewed in a
7 child-friendly environment by a professional interviewer who is trained in child interviews; and
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9 **WHEREAS**, from 1993 until 1997, Perry worked as the Deputy First Assistant for the State Public
10 Defender's office in Rock County. When David O'Leary was elected as the Rock County District
11 Attorney in 1997, he hired Perry first as an Assistant District Attorney (ADA) and then in June, 1997,
12 appointed Perry as his Deputy District Attorney (DDA). Perry has served Rock County as DDA since
13 that time and intends to retire with over 30 years of service to the citizens of Rock County; and
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15 **WHEREAS**, Perry has served as the Turtle Municipal Judge since 2001; Perry has served the
16 community on numerous boards including: Rock Valley Community Programs, Beloit Snappers (Board
17 Member and Past President), Salvation Army (Board Member and President) and Beloit Crime Stoppers;
18 Perry has served as a Big Brother for Big Brothers/Big Sisters, was a foster parent, host parent to
19 exchange students and to multiple Beloit Snappers ball players and staff, helped build the Bible College
20 in South Africa in 2002 and has been the treasurer for his church since 1998; and
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22 **WHEREAS**, Perry has worked with a host of elected officials, administrators, prosecutors, law
23 enforcement, defense attorneys, community leaders and concerned citizens in order to make Rock
24 County a better community; and Perry Folts will retire as the Deputy District Attorney for Rock County
25 after 35 years of public service on August 28, 2020.
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27 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly
28 assembled this 14th day of January, 2021, does hereby recognize Perry Folts for his years
29 of faithful service and recommends that a sincere expression of appreciation be given to Perry Folts
30 along with best wishes for the future.

Respectfully submitted,

PUBLIC SAFETY & JUSTICE COMMITTEE

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Mary Beaver, Chair

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Brian Knudson, Vice Chair

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