

**RESOLUTION
ROCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

SUPERVISOR MARILYNN
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INITIATED BY



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FEBRUARY 12, 2014
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SUPERVISOR MARILYNN
JENSEN and COUNTY
BOARD STAFF COMMITTEE
SUBMITTED BY

**CREATION OF NEW NONPARTISAN PROCEDURES FOR LEGISLATIVE AND
CONGRESSIONAL REDISTRICTING SUPPORTED**

1 WHEREAS, currently under the state constitution, the legislature is directed to redistrict
2 legislative districts according to the number of inhabitants at its next session following the decennial
3 federal census by the majority party; at the same intervals, the legislature also reapportions congressional
4 districts in this state pursuant to federal law; and,
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6 WHEREAS, legislative and congressional redistricting plans enacted pursuant to this procedure
7 are used to elect members of the state legislature and members of the U.S. Congress in the fall of the
8 second year following the year of the census; and,
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10 WHEREAS, the 2011 process to draw the maps and fight lawsuits cost taxpayers nearly \$1.9
11 million; and,
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13 WHEREAS, historically, legislative and congressional plans in Wisconsin have been subject to
14 partisan influence that put the desires of politicians ahead of the needs of the people.
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16 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Rock County Board of Supervisors, duly
17 assembled on this 27th day of February, 2014, recommends the creation of a nonpartisan procedure for
18 the preparation of state legislative and congressional redistricting plans.
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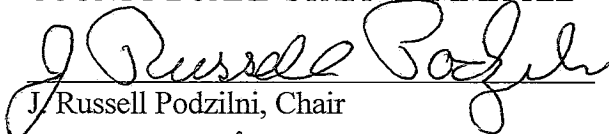
20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this process promotes more accountability and transparency
21 and prohibits the consideration of voting patterns, party information, and incumbents' residence
22 information or demographic information in drawing the maps, except as necessary to ensure minority
23 participation as required by the U.S. Constitution.
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25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Clerk is directed to send a copy of this resolution
26 to the Governor of the State of Wisconsin, the Wisconsin Counties Association, the Wisconsin
27 Towns Association, the Wisconsin League of Municipalities, all members of the state legislature, and to
28 each Wisconsin County.

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Respectfully submitted:

COUNTY BOARD STAFF COMMITTEE

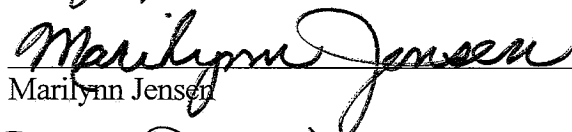

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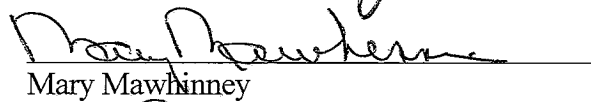

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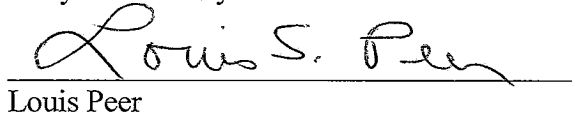

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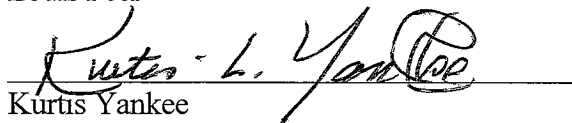

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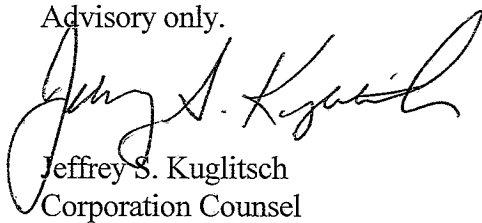

Mary Mawhinney


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LEGAL NOTE:

Advisory only.


Jeffrey S. Kuglitsch
Corporation Counsel

ADMINISTRATIVE NOTE:

Matter of policy.


Craig Knutson
County Administrator

FISCAL NOTE:

No fiscal impact.


Sherry Oja
Finance Director