

1 **2022 RES-084**

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3 **IN SUPPORT OF DEMOCRACY AND NONPARTISAN ELECTION ADMINISTRATION**
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5 The survival of our democracy depends on free and fair elections, where all eligible voters have
6 the opportunity to make their voices heard.
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8 The Dane County community has been well-served by the current system of non-partisan election
9 administration governed by the Wisconsin Election Commission (WEC), and carried out by our
10 friends and neighbors who serve as municipal clerks and poll workers. These same election
11 officials played a critical role in making the 2020 election safe, secure, and accessible during the
12 COVID-19 pandemic.
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14 Over the past year, some proponents of false claims about the 2020 election have attempted to
15 bully, threaten, and undermine nonpartisan election administrators. These unfair attacks make it
16 harder for election officials to do their jobs, reduce faith in the electoral process, and hurt the
17 health of our democracy.
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19 Looking forward to the 2022 election and beyond, Dane County reaffirms our conviction
20 that nonpartisan election officials like municipal clerks and the WEC are best equipped to preside
21 over free and fair elections, and should do so without the fear of threats and intimidation. As long
22 as non-partisan election administrators continue to administer elections with accessibility,
23 fairness, equality, safety, and security in mind, Dane County is committed to standing behind them
24 in the face of politically motivated and unfounded attacks.
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26 Dane County strongly opposes any future attempts to seize power over elections from municipal
27 clerks and the WEC to grant it to a partisan entity.
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29 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Dane County Board of Supervisors expresses
30 full confidence in Wisconsin's system of non-partisan election administration led by the Wisconsin
31 Election Commission and calls on state lawmakers to cease all attempts to undermine, disrupt,
32 or revoke the Wisconsin Election Commission's authority over Wisconsin elections, as well as the
33 authority of municipal clerks.
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35 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Dane County Board of Supervisors support our friends and
36 neighbors who serve as poll workers and local election officials, including the Dane County Clerk
37 and the county's municipal clerks and their staff.
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39 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Dane County Board of Supervisors strongly opposes any
40 future attempts at a partisan takeover of elections, including any efforts by state lawmakers to
41 override the will of Wisconsin voters or to transfer authority over election administration to a
42 partisan entity.
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44 **BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that a copy of this resolution be sent to Governor Tony Evers, and
45 the Dane County legislative delegation.