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SUPPORTING THE FORMATION OF A LARGE WISCONSIN COUNTIES ASSOCIATION

Wisconsin Counties with large populations and urban centers often have different needs and priorities than smaller rural counties. Dane County would benefit from participating in an association with other counties with a population of over 100,000 that have common interests and shared values.

Other Wisconsin counties, including Milwaukee County, have expressed an interest in forming a new association that would represent the interests of large counties. Such an association, over time, could establish dues and staffing, develop a legislative agenda to advocate with state and national governments, and hold an annual conference to bring best practices and innovation in policy and programs to the attention of elected officials in populous counties.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Dane County Board of Supervisors supports the creation of an Association of Large Wisconsin Counties.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Board requests the legislative lobbyist work with the Milwaukee County counterpart, as well as other large counties, on steps necessary to form a Large Wisconsin Counties Association.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any costs associated with the formation of an association and formal participation in the association would be subject to the approval of the County Board.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that updates will be presented to the Executive Committee on a quarterly basis starting in April of 2022.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent by the County Clerk to all counties in Wisconsin with a population greater than 100,000 people.