

2020 RES. 184

AUTHORIZING AN EXTENSION OF LTE HOURS IN  
THE DANE COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

With the combined emergencies in Dane County caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, dramatic increase in homicides, attempted homicides and other gun violence and the unfunded mandate passed in the spring election for immediate implementation of Marsy's Law, the Victim Witness Unit of the Dane County District Attorney's Office, including the Crime Response Program, has been providing critical services to victims of crime. In order to provide these services, the District Attorney's Office employs a number of limited term employees (LTEs). Among them: one LTE is communicating with crime victims, informing them of their rights under the new law and working with Crime Response and community partners to assist in meeting the emergency needs of victims and their children, whose safety is at risk and complicated by the COVID-19 pandemic. The second LTE is working to document all the additional victim contacts required by Marsy's Law to maintain federal funding of the Crime Response Program and assisting Crime Response Specialists in meeting the needs of those victims and their children.

Dane County's Civil Service Ordinance, section 18.16(1)(a), limits limited term employees to 1,200 hours per year. The two LTEs referenced above are all approaching the limit for LTE's, and The Dane County District Attorney's Office is requesting an extension of hours to retain this capacity as part of its effort to respond to the COVID-19 public health emergency and public safety in Dane County. The County has received sufficient COVID-19 emergency funds from the State of Wisconsin and federal government to support additional hours up to 2080 hours for the remainder of this year.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 323.14, the Dane County Board of Supervisors grants an exception to Ordinance 18.16 (1)(a) to allow the two LTE positions referenced above in the Dane County District Attorney's Office to exceed 1,200 hours in the 2020 payroll year.