

1 2017 RES-056

2 IN SUPPORT OF AN INDEPENDENT NONPARTISAN STATE REDISTRICTING PROCESS

3 The Dane County Board of Supervisors has, whenever possible, supported in principle and  
4 practice the idea that all people should be fairly represented at the state and local level of  
5 government. In 2016, after extensive review of practices and procedures for the creation of  
6 supervisory districts, the Dane County Board of Supervisors created a non-partisan citizen  
7 redistricting commission in preparation for 2020 redistricting process.

8 Citizens should be able to pick their representatives rather than letting elected representatives  
9 pick their constituents. The topic of creating non-partisan voting maps is once again relevant  
10 due to a federal court ruling and the subsequent pending actions of the state legislature. We  
11 take this opportunity to re-affirm our commitment to the people of Dane County who voted with  
12 overwhelming support for a 2014 referendum which would require the non-partisan redistricting  
13 for legislative districts and take an official stance in support of the creation of a non-partisan  
14 redistricting process at the state level.

15 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Dane County Board of Supervisors supports  
16 the creation of an independent non-partisan process for the preparation of legislative and  
17 congressional district lines.

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the approved process should promote increased  
19 accountability and transparency and consider national best practices for representation and  
20 equity.

21 BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be sent to Governor Scott Walker,  
22 the Dane County legislative delegation, and the Wisconsin Counties Association.