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**IMPOSING A MORATORIUM ON THE RECEIPT OF APPLICATIONS FOR OR
ISSUANCE OF ZONING PERMITS FOR THE SITING OR PLACEMENT OF DATA
CENTERS IN DANE COUNTY**

The Dane County Board of Supervisors finds:

- (1) There are potential health and safety concerns related to the construction and operation of data centers, including overburdening public services and infrastructure.
- (2) There are potential impacts on property values, conversion of productive agricultural land, and the general welfare of residents, businesses, and visitors.
- (3) The construction and operation of data centers is not consistent with existing county plans and ordinances, including the Dane County Comprehensive Plan and the Dane County Zoning Ordinance.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the purpose of this Resolution is to establish a moratorium that would allow Dane County to fully explore, analyze, and research the environmental, economic, health and safety aspects of data centers and to develop reasonable zoning regulations to be applied to data centers consistent with the Dane County Comprehensive Plan.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that for the purposes of this Resolution , a data center is any facility housed in one or more structures that primarily contains electronic equipment used to process, store, manage, and transmit digital information and applications, and that uses environmental control equipment to maintain the conditions for the operation of electronic equipment; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that (1) Pursuant to Wis. Stat. §59.69(4), Dane County enacts a moratorium on the receipt of applications for and the granting of all zoning related permits for the placement or construction of data centers; and
(2) The moratorium shall be in effect for a period of 18 months from (clerk to insert effective date of the ordinance) or until it is rescinded, whichever is earlier.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the moratorium enacted herein is not intended to be, and does not constitute a “development moratorium” as that term is defined in Wis. Stat. §66.1002(1)(b).