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3 **2022 RES-129**

4 **AUTHORIZING TRAVEL OUTSIDE OF THE CONTINENTAL UNITED STATES**  
5 **FOR A STAFF MEMBER FROM WASTE & RENEWABLES**

6 The Dane County Department of Waste & Renewables is actively involved in the Solid  
7 Waste Association of North America, which is a member of the International Solid Waste  
8 Association (ISWA). ISWA is hosting its annual ISWA World Congress conference, and  
9 the Department would benefit from having a staff member attend the conference to learn  
10 about progressive waste diversion projects in other countries and to accept an  
11 international award on behalf of the County.

12 The Department is beginning planning efforts for a Sustainability Campus, which will  
13 transform how the County manages waste and lead to a more local circular economy.  
14 There are many examples of progressive waste reduction projects in other parts of the  
15 world, and many of these will be showcased at the conference.

16 Additionally, the Trash Lab has been selected as the winner of a prestigious international  
17 award from ISWA, and the Department would like to send a staff member to receive the  
18 award at the ISWA World Congress conference. Education and outreach is a core  
19 function of the Department of Waste & Renewables. As part of these efforts, Department  
20 staff collaborated with the Madison Children’s Museum to create the Trash Lab. The  
21 Trash Lab is a mobile exhibit designed to educate and motivate County residents of all  
22 ages to better understand the implications of the waste they produce, how landfills work,  
23 and new opportunities for more sustainable solutions. The Trash Lab has also been  
24 designed to advance equity and inclusion of solid waste and recycling education. It can  
25 be hauled to events and taken to schools that may not otherwise have the means to travel  
26 to the DCDWR’s site to learn about solid waste & recycling. .

27 Travel outside the continental United States requires the approval of the County Board  
28 and the County Executive. The Department of Waste & Renewables has sufficient funds  
29 in its 2022 budget for this travel.

30 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Dane County Board of Supervisors  
31 and County Executive do hereby approve and authorize Sujata Gautam to attend the 2022  
32 ISWA World Congress conference in Singapore September 21-23, 2022.