



**Office of the
Dane County Medical Examiner**

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To: Personnel and Finance Committee

From: Dr. Vincent Tranchida
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Subject: Granting an Exception to Dane County Ordinance 20.16 Prohibiting Travel to States that discriminate.

Dane County Ordinance (DCO) 20.16 prohibits travel to states that have enacted a law that has the effect of voiding protections against discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation, gender identity or gender expression. Dane County Ordinance 20.16(3)(c) and 20.21 provide the Personnel and Finance Committee to grant exceptions to this prohibition.

This memo requests the Personnel and Finance Committee grant an exception to DCO 20.16 to allow the Dane County Medical Examiner staff to transport unidentified skeletonized human remains to North Texas University in Denton Texas. North Texas University hosts the federally funded National Missing and Unidentified Persons Systems (NAMUS). The remains would be going to NAMUS for a DNA collection and anthropological assessment, both, to help with identification.

Complete skeleton remains require special care in transportation. Additionally, an analysis by NAMUS may take some time to complete. As a result, the Medical Examiner's office is requesting permission to drive the remains to NAMUS and return to Dane County and is requesting permission to commence on a return trip to NAMUS and return to Dane County when the analysis is complete.

To complete this trip the Medical Examiner's Office, the Medical Examiner's Office needs to drive through four prohibited states: Iowa, Kansas, Oklahoma, and Texas. Dates for this trip have not yet been established and are flexible. ir

Thank you for your consideration of this request. Please let me know if you have any questions.