

1 2020 RES-215
2 IN OPPOSITION TO NO KNOCK SEARCH WARRANTS
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4 The death of Breonna Taylor in Louisville, Kentucky has raised awareness nationally of the risks
5 to innocent people of the policing practice of no-knock warrants. A 2014 report from the
6 American Civil Liberties Union found that 20,000 no-knock warrants are issued each year in the
7 United States.

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9 Governor Evers has proposed a number of criminal justice reform actions, including a bill
10 prohibiting the execution of no-knock search warrants. The wording of the proposed legislation
11 is as follows:

12 "968.14 (1) When executing a search warrant, a law enforcement officer may not enter
13 the premises subject to the warrant without first identifying that he or she is a law
14 enforcement officer and announcing the authority and purpose of the entry."
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16 Locally, the Drug Task Force has sought judicial approval to execute no knock warrants. The
17 Sheriff could implement a policy to no longer seek judicial approval for this type of warrant, or to
18 participate in executing a no knock warrant as a member of any Task Force.

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20 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Dane County Board of Supervisors opposes
21 the use of no-knock warrants and supports action by the Wisconsin State Legislature to prohibit
22 this practice.

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24 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Dane County Board of Supervisors urges the Dane
25 County Sheriff to implement a policy to no longer seek judicial approval of no-knock warrants for
26 his deputies acting alone or with other local law enforcement.

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28 **BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that a copy of this resolution be sent to Governor Evers, the Dane
29 County legislative delegation, and Sheriff Mahoney.