

***RESOLUTION NO.: 147—2017-18***

TO THE HONORABLE, THE OUTAGAMIE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:

***MAJORITY***

1 Outagamie County would like to affirm support to add state funding in the next state  
2 budget in order to hire more prosecutors for county-based District Attorney Offices by  
3 continuing the state policy to fully fund the cost of all district attorneys.  
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5 The Wisconsin criminal justice system is made up of multiple entities, each of which  
6 depends upon the others to function efficiently. When one part of the system is  
7 neglected, the entire system is impacted. Inadequate state funding for prosecutor  
8 positions is detrimental to the administration of justice and preservation of public safety  
9 in Outagamie County.  
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11 The State of Wisconsin's most recent District Attorney Office Workload Analysis,  
12 covering 2012 to 2014, identifies a shortage of 140 prosecutors across the state and at  
13 least eight in Outagamie County. Rising workloads as a result of these unfunded  
14 positions leave prosecutors less time to work with crime victims, witnesses, and law  
15 enforcement officials; delays the resolution of cases; contributes to an environment that  
16 has resulted in high rates of prosecutor turnover; and has put tremendous strain on law  
17 enforcement, the courts, and other criminal justice system partners.  
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19 NOW THEREFORE, the undersigned members of the Legislative/Audit and Human Resources  
20 Committee recommend adoption of the following resolution.

21 BE IT RESOLVED, that the Outagamie County Board of Supervisors does request that the state  
22 address the shortage of prosecutors in the District Attorney Office by providing adequate funding in the  
23 next state budget for legal staff to prosecute cases, as the current system is in crisis and compromises  
24 public safety, and

25 BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Outagamie County Clerk be directed to forward a copy  
26 of this resolution to the Outagamie County Lobbyist for distribution to the Governor, the Legislature,  
27 and all Wisconsin counties.

28 Dated this \_\_\_\_ day of February 2018

29 Respectfully Submitted,

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31 LEGISLATIVE/AUDIT AND HUMAN  
32 RESOURCES COMMITTEE  
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Duly and officially adopted by the County Board on: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed:

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County Clerk

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

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