

RESOLUTION NO.: 80—2019-20

TO THE HONORABLE, THE OUTAGAMIE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:

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1 Recently, Governor Evers announced that Outagamie County will receive funding for
2 two (2) additional state-funded Assistant District Attorney (ADA) Positions for a total of
3 eleven (11) full-time state-funded positions. National guidelines recommend that
4 counties staff one prosecutor for every 10,000 residents. Therefore, Outagamie County is
5 in need of eight (8) additional state-funded ADA positions.

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7 Currently, the Table of Organization for the District Attorney's (DA) Office includes
8 county funding for four (4) full-time Special Prosecutor (formerly Law Clerk positions).
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10 The combination of state-funded and county-funded positions on the DA Table of
11 Organization demonstrates a cooperative effort to allow the DA office staff to decrease
12 the backlog in the office, continue to focus on protecting children and families, assist in
13 expanding diversion programs, and improve the response to people in the criminal justice
14 system who suffer from mental illness and substance abuse.

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16 This resolution reaffirms the need for state funding of additional prosecutor positions.
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18 NOW THEREFORE, the undersigned members of the Legislative/Audit and Human Resources
19 Committee recommend adoption of the following resolution.

20 BE IT RESOLVED, that the Outagamie County Board of Supervisors does request that the
21 Outagamie County Lobbyist reaffirm our position to the Governor and the state legislators that the state
22 continue to address the shortage of prosecutors in the District Attorney's Office by providing adequate
23 funding for legal staff to prosecute cases, as the current system is in crisis and compromises public
24 safety, and

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Outagamie County Board of Supervisors does request
26 that the Outagamie County Lobbyist illustrate to the Governor and the state legislators that Outagamie
27 County is putting forth a collaborative effort with the State to address the county's needs by currently
28 funding four (4) full-time Special Prosecutor positions, and

1 BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Outagamie County Clerk be directed to forward a copy
2 of this resolution to the Outagamie County Lobbyist for distribution to the Governor and the Legislature.

3 Dated this ____ day of October 2019

4 Respectfully submitted,

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6 LEGISLATIVE/AUDIT & HUMAN RESOURCES
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29 Board Chairperson

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