

1 **WASHINGTON COUNTY, WISCONSIN**

2 Date of enactment: 5/13/20

3 Date of publication: 5/23/20

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6 **2020 RESOLUTION 1**

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8 **Return of Washington County Elected Official’s Salary to Washington County**

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10 **WHEREAS**, the COVID-19 outbreak resulted in the World Health Organization declaring
11 a pandemic, the United States Department of Public Health and Human Services, and the State of
12 Wisconsin declaring a Public Health Emergency on March 12, 2020, President Donald J. Trump
13 declaring a national emergency under the Stafford Act and Washington County Board Chairperson
14 Donald A. Kriefall issuing a Proclamation of Emergency on March 13, 2020 which was affirmed
15 by the Washington County Board of Supervisors on March 19, 2020; and

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17 **WHEREAS**, the COVID-19 outbreak has not only caused a worldwide public health
18 emergency, but also resulted in the temporary and permanent closure of many businesses that were
19 prohibited from operating under decrees such as Governor Evers’ “Safer at Home” orders, and
20 significant damage to the nation’s economy including in Wisconsin where over 500,000 jobless
21 claims have been filed with the Department of Workforce Development since March 2020, which
22 is approximately fifteen times higher than this same time one year ago according to media reports;
23 and

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25 **WHEREAS**, County government is not immune from the consequences of the economic
26 downturn and as a result is expected to incur a three (3) to five (5) million-dollar shortfall in the
27 2020 Washington County Operating Budget; and

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29 **WHEREAS**, in these times of economic uncertainty, it is prudent for Washington County
30 to evaluate and curtail its spending in order to maximize efficiency and lessen the burden on the
31 County taxpayers; and

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33 **WHEREAS**, the County Executive has implemented and the County Board has endorsed
34 a mandatory unpaid 5-day furlough policy for nearly all Washington County employees, and

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36 **WHEREAS**, the County Board of Supervisors believes that its members as well as each
37 of the elected officials who serve the people of Washington County should also be called upon to
38 shoulder some of the taxpayers’ burden by returning an equivalent portion of their salary;

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40 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Washington County Board of
41 Supervisors that all County elected officials, including County Board Supervisors, are strongly
42 encouraged to return to Washington County the equivalent of five-days’ pay before December 31,
43 2020.

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VOTE REQUIREMENT FOR PASSAGE: Majority

1 RESOLUTION SUMMARY: Encourage County elected officials to return the equivalent of five
2 days' pay to the County before December 31, 2020.

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4 Approved as to form: Introduced by COUNTY BOARD CHAIR,
5 (signed by Bradley S. Stern) DONALD A. KRIEFALL, as filed
6 Bradley S. Stern, County Attorney with the County Clerk.

7 Dated 5/13/2020 (signed by Donald A. Kriefall)
8 Donald A. Kriefall, Chairperson

9 Approved: Considered 5/13/2020
10 (signed by Josh Schoemann) Adopted 5/13/2020

11 Josh Schoemann, County Executive Ayes _____ Noes _____ Absent _____

12 Veto Voice Vote _____ X _____

13 See attached for objection(s)

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15 (Five days' pay for all elected officials, including County Board Supervisors, is roughly \$11,300
16 worth of wages.)