RESOLUTION # - 2024

Resolution Supporting Two-Year Campuses

Resolution offered by the Executive & Legislative Committee

Resolved by the Board of Supervisors of Sauk County, Wisconsin:

 **WHEREAS**, the State of Wisconsin and Wisconsin Counties have had a long and strong

 history of supporting two-year campuses in throughout the Wisconsin, and

 **WHEREAS**, financial feasibility has put a financial burden on the UW-system due to

 declining enrollments and has forced the closure of campuses in Richland Center,

 Washington, Fond du Lac, Marinette, and Waukesha counties, and

 **WHEREAS**, in 2018 Northstar Analytics reported the UW System and related organizations

 “produce and annual economic impact of over $24 billion” while generating nearly 167,000

 jobs and over $1.1 billion in state and local taxes, and

 **WHEREAS**, a 2024 report written by James R. Johnson in research with the Berkley Center

 for Studies in Higher Education and Greenwood Asher & Associates reported America’s

 university systems need to adapt to changing conditions and determine how to attain their

 educational goals through adaptive leadership who can leverage adaptive conditions to

 scale initiatives across systems; and

 **WHEREAS**, the WisconsinLegislature earlier this year passed Senate Bill 518, which

 received bipartisan support in both chambers, to set aside $20 million in state funds to

 provide up to $2 million in grants to communities affected by UW system branch campus

 closures; and

 **WHEREAS**, the success of the remaining two-year campuses are vital to the economies of

 our local communities; and

 **WHEREAS**, campuses similar to the UW-Platteville Baraboo/Sauk County have been

 working closely with their local partners to target educational programs that best serve the

 community and has had success turning around enrollment; and

 **WHEREAS**, opportunities continue to exist diversify educational opportunities on these

 campuses through new four-year programs and/or strategic partnerships.

 **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that Sauk County requests that the Wisconsin

 Legislature and the Governor develop a comparable grant program to assist in the retooling

 of the remaining two-year campuses for educational and diversifying the use of buildings

 that are presently not need by the university system.

 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** the grant program be used for the development educational,

 recreational, governmental uses, or attracting private entities that serve the city, county,

 university, staff, and/or students (such as a daycare center as one such example), or other

 purposes the Legislature may deem fit for such grants.

Approved for presentation to the County Board by the Executive & Legislative Committee, this 18th day of June, 2024

Consent Agenda Item: [ ] YES [ X ] NO

Fiscal Impact: [ ] None [ ] Budgeted Expenditure [ ] Not Budgeted

Vote Required: Majority = \_\_\_\_\_ 2/3 Majority = \_\_\_\_\_ 3/4 Majority = \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

The County Board has the legal authority to adopt: Yes \_\_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ as reviewed by the Corporation Counsel, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ .

Offered and passage moved by:

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Vice-Chair, John Deitrich

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Fiscal Note:

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