

County of Kenosha

Board of Supervisors

Resolution No. _____

Subject: A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF UW SYSTEM 2017-2019 BIENNIAL BUDGET REQUEST			
Original <u>_X_</u>	Corrected <u> </u>	2 nd Correction <u> </u>	Resubmitted <u> </u>
Date Submitted: _____ Date resubmitted: _____			
Submitted by: Supervisor Andy Berg and the Legislative Committee			
Fiscal Note Attached: <u> </u>		Legal Note Attached: <u> </u>	
Prepared By: Supervisor Andy Berg			

WHEREAS: The University of Wisconsin-Parkside has served Kenosha County for close to a half century with accessible, affordable public higher education connecting Kenosha County with world-class resources of the University of Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS: The University of Wisconsin-Parkside has a direct and indirect economic impact in Southeastern Wisconsin, including 500 employees, 4,600 students and 16,000 alumni actively engaged in the region's economy; and

WHEREAS: More than 600 students graduate from the University of Wisconsin-Parkside each year, and more than 60 percent stay in Southeastern Wisconsin, working, raising families, and being productive taxpaying citizens in Kenosha County; and

WHEREAS: University of Wisconsin-Parkside alumni say their degree has opened doors in their professional careers, and data shows that individuals with a bachelor's degree earn an additional \$1 million over their lifetime; and

WHEREAS: While the state of Wisconsin faces a demographic shift with an aging population and shrinking labor force, the infusion of highly educated graduates from the University of Wisconsin-Parkside into Southeastern Wisconsin's workforce is essential to the region's economy; and

WHEREAS: The University of Wisconsin-Parkside has experienced a substantial reduction in funding from the State of Wisconsin since 2010, and, when adjusted for inflation, the revenue coming to the UW System today from the State of Wisconsin is the lowest in the history of the UW System; and

WHEREAS: The UW System, through its 2020FWD strategic framework and the 2017-2019 biennial budget request will help more students succeed and graduate in a timely fashion by

reducing time-to-degree, expanding college credit options for high school students, adding more options to transfer college credits, engaging businesses to help create job opportunities after graduation, and responding to the needs of nontraditional students and working adults; and

WHEREAS: The UW System 2017-2019 biennial budget request includes capital funding to support required maintenance and infrastructure upgrades to the University of Wisconsin-Parkside Wyllie Hall; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: The Kenosha County Board of Supervisors supports the UW System 2020FWD strategic framework, and strongly encourages the Governor of the State of Wisconsin and the Wisconsin State Legislature to invest in the future of our children, and in the future of our state by approving the UW System 2017-2019 biennial budget request which will have a direct and positive impact on the University of Wisconsin-Parkside and the vibrant economic region that is Southeastern Wisconsin; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Clerk is instructed to send a copy of this resolution to the Governor of the State of Wisconsin and Kenosha County's representatives in the Wisconsin State Assembly and Senate.

Respectfully Submitted,

Andy Berg

Approved by:

Legislative Committee:

	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Abstain</u>	<u>Excused</u>
Boyd Frederick, Chair	☐	☐	☐	☐
Dayvin Hallmon, Vice-Chair	☐	☐	☐	☐
Andy Berg	☐	☐	☐	☐
Erin Decker	☐	☐	☐	☐
John Franco	☐	☐	☐	☐
John Poole	☐	☐	☐	☐
Michael Skalitzky	☐	☐	☐	☐