

County of Kenosha

Board of Supervisors

Resolution No. _____

Subject: A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE RULING INVALIDATING STATE LEGISLATIVE MAPS AND ORDERING NEW ONES			
Original <u>_X_</u>	Corrected <u> </u>	2 nd Correction <u> </u>	Resubmitted <u> </u>
Date Submitted: _____ Date resubmitted: _____			
Submitted by: Supervisor Leah Blough and the Legislative Committee			
Fiscal Note Attached: <u> </u>		Legal Note Attached: <u> </u>	
Prepared By: Supervisor Leah Blough			

WHEREAS, Voting is a responsibility which highlights the importance of choosing the government; and

WHEREAS, Voters must have meaningful choices and a fair chance to win representation, to exercise their voices, and to be active citizens; and

WHEREAS, Both political parties must be held accountable to ensure legislative districts have a fairly equal amount of voters and that all voters in all districts have an equal say in the political process; and

WHEREAS, There was a recent 2 to 1 ruling by the United States District Court for the Western District of Wisconsin, which said the Wisconsin Legislature's 2011 re-drawing of the Wisconsin State Assembly districts violates both the First Amendment and the Equal Protection Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment because it aimed to deprive Democratic voters of their right to be represented; and

WHEREAS, As a result of the 2 to 1 ruling, the Federal Court ordered the Wisconsin State Legislature to draw new maps by November 1, 2017, to be ready in time for the November 2018 election cycle; and

WHEREAS, The State of Wisconsin, representing the Elections Commission, has indicated their intent to appeal this ruling and the Republicans in the Wisconsin Legislature has voted to retain outside counsel to represent them as "friends of the court" at taxpayer expense in any such appeal; and


WHEREAS, The Kenosha County Board of Supervisors, as elected representatives of the people, have a responsibility to ensure that all voters should be able to choose their representatives and not the other way around;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the County Board of Supervisors supports the 2 to 1 ruling of the United State District Court for the Western District of Wisconsin to have the State Legislature draw new maps by November 1, 2017, to be ready for the November 2018 election cycle and opposes any further appeal of the same; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the County Board of Supervisors finds that adoption and support of this ruling will ensure that all voters have an equal say in the political process and will save the needless expenditure of taxpayer dollars on expensive legal fees; and

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



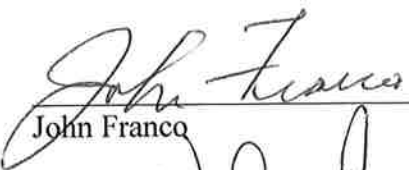


Respectfully Submitted,

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Leah Blough

Approved by:

Legislative Committee:

	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Abstain</u>	<u>Excused</u>
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