## **County of Kenosha**

### **Board of Supervisors**

Resolution No.

#### A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE PRESERVATION OF MORTGAGE INTEREST AND PROPERTY TAX DEDUCTIONS

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Date Submitted:		Date resubmitted:			
Submitted by: Legislative and Finance/Administration Committees					
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Prepared By: Supervisor Steve Bostrom					

WHEREAS, since its inception over a century ago, the United States income tax system has recognized the positive effects of homeownership for families, communities, and society by rewarding home buyers with tax benefits; and

**WHEREAS**, the result has been a home-owning society that is, in many respects, the envy of the world; and

WHEREAS, a kind of tax reform plan already being considered in Washington is inadvertently threatening to decimate or even wipe out the tax benefits of owning a home for 95 percent of American families by not allowing a property tax deduction; and

**WHEREAS**, the tax incentive to buy a home has its first and largest effect on the first-time homebuyer; and

WHEREAS, having a strong and appropriate tax incentive to assist first-time buyers has been instrumental in getting millions of homeowners into their first house; and

WHEREAS, these tax incentives include the deductibility of both mortgage interest and property taxes; and

WHEREAS, losing the tax benefits of owning a home would have a significant and negative effect on the price of houses; and

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WHEREAS, the almost certain results from such proposals would be detrimental to the residents of Kenosha County and to their quality of life;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Kenosha County Board of Supervisors opposes any efforts by Congress and the White House to reduce or repeal the federal tax deduction for state and local taxes paid; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that we oppose any action that would reduce or repeal the deduction for interest paid on mortgages; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a copy of this resolution shall be sent to our Congressional Representatives and key members of the Administration.

Respectfully Sub	mitted,
Steve Bostrom	

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Approved by:				
Legislative Committee:				
	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>	Abstain	Excused
Boyd Frederick, Chair				
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Andy Berg				
Erin Decker				
John Franco				
John Poole				
Michael Skalitzky				

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#### Finance and Administration Committee

	Aye	<u>Nay</u>	Abstain	Excused
Terry Rose, Chair	×			
Ronald Frederick, Vice-Chair	×			
Daniel Esposito	X	D		
Greg Retalaff	X	П		
Rick Dodge		0	0	
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