

KENOSHA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Resolution No.

Subject: A resolution commending the Kenosha County Clerk, Municipal Clerks, Deputy Clerks and Poll Workers throughout Kenosha County for their outstanding service and dedication						
Original [x] Resubmitted []	Corrected []	2nd Correction []				
Date Submitted: 4/8/20)20	Date Resubmitted:				
Submitted by: Supervis	sors Decker, Maurer, Nordigian,	Nudo, and Rodriguez				
Fiscal Note Attached []	Legal Note Attached [] Agreement				
Prepared by: Supervisor	r Erin Decker	Signature:				

WHEREAS, freedom is best maintained and nurtured through the democratic process, which requires fair and open elections that accurately reflect the intent of the electorate; and

WHEREAS, the County Clerk, Municipal Clerks, Deputy Clerks, and Poll Workers oversee the integrity of local, state and national elections within the community, ensuring that all residents have the opportunity to vote and that their votes will count; and

WHEREAS, the County Clerk, Municipal Clerks, Deputy Clerks, and Poll Workers are extraordinarily committed to attending training sessions to learn policies, procedures, and responsibilities to ensure that voting is administered in a fair, nondiscriminatory, and transparent manner; and

WHEREAS, the County Clerk, Municipal Clerks, Deputy Clerks, and Poll Workers enthusiastically assist fellow citizens during the election process with absentee voting, in-person absentee voting, and in-person voting, ensuring accurate and trouble-free elections along with timely results; and

WHEREAS, County Clerk, Municipal Clerks, Deputy Clerks, and Poll Workers are responsible for administering all activities at polling places in Kenosha County, and have remained willing, positive, and innovative throughout the many changes in election procedures, policies, and voting equipment, especially throughout the 2020 Spring General election; and

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WHEREAS, on March 16, 2020, even though there was a ban on gatherings of more than 50 people because of COVID-19, Governor Tony Evers did not postpone the April 7, 2020 election; and

WHEREAS, on March 20, 2020, Governor Tony Evers stated, "moving the (election) date is not going to solve the problem"; and

WHEREAS, on March 23, 2020, Governor Tony Evers issued a "Safer At Home" order, yet he reiterated that he would not delay the election, but was considering the possibility of mail-only voting; and

WHEREAS, on March 30, 2020, during Evers' Administration's weekly Coronavirus conference call, Governor Tony Evers stated, "Nothing has changed from my vantage point, ... it's in state law, the date is set, ... yes (the election) is in place," when asked if the election would happen as planned; and

WHEREAS, on March 31, 2020, Governor Tony Evers' attorneys argued in a brief, in support of the Wisconsin Election Commission, that the date of the election should not be moved; and

WHEREAS, on Monday, April 6, 2020, after the issuing of absentee ballots had stopped, Governor Tony Evers signed an executive order postponing the election until June 9, 2020; and

WHEREAS, after a court ruling on the afternoon of Monday, April 6, 2020 from the Wisconsin Supreme Court overturned Governor Evers' executive order postponing the Spring General election; and

WHEREAS, these events leading up to Election Day caused confusion and last-minute changes that the County Clerk, Municipal Clerks, Deputy Clerks, and Poll Workers all seamlessly worked to resolve.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Kenosha County Board of Supervisors commends the Kenosha County Clerk, Municipal Clerks, Deputy Clerks, and Poll Workers throughout Kenosha County for their outstanding service and dedication.

Supervisor Erin Decker

Supervisor Mark Nordigian

Supervisor Gabe Nudo

Supervisor Amy Maurer

Supervisor Zach Rodriguez

FINANCE/ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE:	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Abstain</u>	Excused
Terry Rose, Chair				
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