

RESOLUTION
ROCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Supervisor Terry Thomas
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SUBMITTED BY



July 9, 2014
DATE DRAFTED

**PLACING MINIMUM WAGE ADVISORY REFERENDUM ON THE
NOVEMBER 4, 2014 ROCK COUNTY BALLOT**

1 **WHEREAS**, it is one of our most cherished values that there is dignity in work, and that everyone in
2 Wisconsin should have the opportunity to work their way into the middle class, not fall out of it; and,
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4 **WHEREAS**, we are not short of work ethic in Wisconsin, we are short of good jobs that enable working
5 families to begin to work their way up; and,
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7 **WHEREAS**, Wisconsin workers are working harder and harder for less and less; every year the minimum
8 wage stays the same workers take a pay cut, and wages are now so low that millions of full time workers
9 are below the poverty line and qualify for public assistance; and,
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11 **WHEREAS**, if people don't earn enough money to pay for the basics like food, rent, and transportation,
12 the economy stalls, weakening our communities and damaging local businesses; and,
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14 **WHEREAS**, nearly nine in ten Wisconsin workers who would benefit from a minimum wage increase are
15 20 years of age or older, nearly two-thirds are women, and 234,000 Wisconsin children would see their
16 families' income increase; and,
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18 **WHEREAS**, a \$10.10 minimum wage would bring our wage floor to roughly the same level as it was in
19 the late 1960s, adjusted for inflation; and,
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21 **WHEREAS**, this will help share our prosperity and set the potential for more economy-boosting jobs;
22 and,
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24 **WHEREAS**, a \$10.10 minimum wage would raise wages for 587,000 Wisconsin workers by \$816
25 million, and generate over \$500 million in additional economic activity in Wisconsin in the next three
26 years, resulting in nearly 4,000 new jobs;
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28 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled
29 this 14 day of August, 2014 does hereby direct the Rock County Clerk to place the following
30 advisory referendum question on the countywide ballot at the election to be held on November 4, 2014:
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32 "Should the State of Wisconsin increase the minimum wage to \$10.10 per hour?"

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Respectfully submitted,

COUNTY BOARD STAFF COMMITTEE

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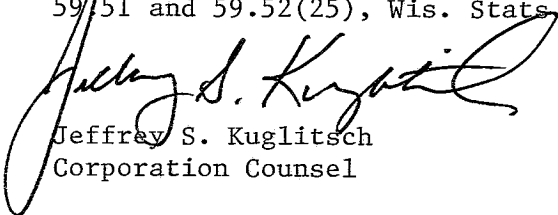
No fiscal impact.



Sherry Oja
Finance Director

LEGAL NOTE:

The County Board is authorized to take this action pursuant to secs. 59.01, 59.51 and 59.52(25), Wis. Stats.


Jeffrey S. Kuglitsch
Corporation Counsel

ADMINISTRATIVE NOTE:

Matter of Policy.



Craig Knutson
County Administrator

- Supervisor Thomas introduced @ July 10 County Board
- The original resolution was amended at the Aug. 12, 2014 County Board Staff Committee. The amendments passed. The committee then voted to bring the amended resolution to the full Board for a vote.
- Resolution passed @ County Board meeting on Aug 14 by a roll call vote of YES=17, NO=10, ABSENT=2