

**RESOLUTION
ROCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

Supervisor Stephanie Aegerter
INITIATED BY



Randy Terronez
DRAFTED BY

County Board Staff Committee
SUBMITTED BY

June 21, 2020
DATE DRAFTED

Banning Display of Confederate Flag

1 **WHEREAS**, the Rock County Board of Supervisors has made a commitment to hold accountable anyone
2 within the County practicing bias and perpetuating systemic racism; and,
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4 **WHEREAS**, the confederate flag is a symbol of the racially charged hate, adopted by the Ku Klux Klan
5 as it launched a campaign of terror against black people, used by other hate groups to promote white racial
6 superiority, and creates an atmosphere that incites violence against people of color; and,
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8 **WHEREAS**, the confederate flag has been banned in a number of areas such as cities, counties, state
9 governments, the U.S. Military, and private corporations including NCAA, NASCAR, WalMart, Sears,
10 Amazon and eBay.
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12 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Rock County Board of Supervisors, duly
13 assembled this 13th day of August, 2020, does hereby ban the display of the confederate flag by
14 County staff on county-owned or county-leased property in order to promote racial healing and create
15 a welcoming environment for all of the County's residents.

Respectfully Submitted,

COUNTY BOARD STAFF COMMITTEE

/s/ Kara Purviance
Kara Purviance, Chair

/s/ J. Russell Podzilni
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/s/ Richard Bostwick
Richard Bostwick, Vice Chair

/s/ Alan Sweeney
Alan Sweeney

/s/ Tom Brien
Tom Brien

Absent
Bob Yeomans

/s/ Kevin Leavy
Kevin Leavy

/s/ Jeremy Zajac
Jeremy Zajac

/s/ Louis Peer
Louis Peer

FISCAL NOTE:

No fiscal impact

/s/ Sherry Oja

Sherry Oja
Finance Director

LEGAL NOTE:

The County Board is authorized to take this action pursuant to §§ 59.01 and 59.51, Wis. Stats.

/s/ Richard Greenlee

Richard Greenlee
Corporation Counsel

ADMINISTRATIVE NOTE:

The Confederate flag is widely seen as a divisive symbol. The display of the Confederate flag by County employees in County facilities would be inconsistent with the County's vision statement for diversity and inclusion, which reads, in part: "Rock County commits to a diverse workforce that...provides a safe, inclusive, and motivating environment for all employees, citizens, and those we serve. Rock County promotes a workplace that...is void of discrimination and prejudice."

/s/ Josh Smith

Josh Smith
County Administrator

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