

1 **WASHINGTON COUNTY, WISCONSIN**

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3 Date of enactment: \_\_\_\_\_

4 Date of publication: \_\_\_\_\_

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6 **2006 RESOLUTION 45**

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8 **Placing Referendum Question on the April Ballot**  
9 **(Creation of Land Preservation Program)**

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11 **WHEREAS**, Section 59.52(25), Wis. Stats., states "*[t]he board may conduct a county-*  
12 *wide referendum for advisory purposes or for the purpose of ratifying or validating a resolution*  
13 *adopted or ordinance enacted by the board contingent upon approval in the referendum*"; and

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15 **WHEREAS**, 2006 Resolution 44 titled Creation of Land Preservation Program Upon  
16 Ratification by Public Referendum outlines a land preservation program and associated fund for  
17 purposes of preserving prime farmland, water resources and natural areas in Washington County  
18 through the purchase of development rights, land acquisition or similar programs, in accordance  
19 with plans and procedures to be approved by the Board; and

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21 **WHEREAS**, the following referendum question is an effective way to determine whether  
22 the citizenry supports the creation of a land preservation program and a funding mechanism for  
23 the program in Washington County:

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25 Shall the Washington County Board of Supervisors allocate at least \$800,000 per  
26 year for 10 years funded by either sales tax, long-term debt obligations and prop-  
27 erty tax, or a combination thereof, to preserve prime farmland, water resources  
28 and natural areas in the County through purchase of development rights, land ac-  
29 quisition or similar programs from willing sellers, on the condition that all County  
30 expenditures are at least equally matched by non-county funding sources?

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32 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Washington County Board of  
33 Supervisors that the above mentioned question will be placed on the April 2007 ballot as a bind-  
34 ing referendum question.

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36 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that implementation of 2006  
37 Resolution 44 is contingent upon approval of the binding referendum question by the voters on  
38 April 3, 2007.

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VOTE REQUIREMENT FOR PASSAGE: Majority

APPROVED:  
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Kimberly A. Nass, County Attorney

Introduced by members of the EXECUTIVE  
COMMITTEE as filed with the County Clerk.

Dated \_\_\_\_\_

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Considered \_\_\_\_\_

Thomas J. Sackett, Chairperson

Adopted \_\_\_\_\_

Executive Committee

Ayes \_\_\_\_\_ Noes \_\_\_\_\_ Absent \_\_\_\_\_

Voice Vote \_\_\_\_\_

(A positive vote on the referendum will result in spending at least \$8 million over the next ten years, depending on the addition of any interest costs resulting from long-term debt.)