

SHEBOYGAN COUNTY RESOLUTION NO. 14 (2010/11)

Re: **Supporting an Independent Study of Wisconsin's Economic Development Competitiveness and Positioning, Conducted by the Wisconsin Economic Development Association (WEDA), Competitive Wisconsin Inc. (CWI), Wisconsin Counties Association (WCA), and Wisconsin Economic Development Institute (WEDI)**

WHEREAS, the Sheboygan County Board understands that the Wisconsin Economic Development Association (WEDA), Competitive Wisconsin, Inc. (CWI), Wisconsin Counties Association (WCA), and the Wisconsin Economic Development Institute (WEDI) are all Wisconsin-based statewide organizations which have agreed to collaboratively conduct a research project that examines Wisconsin's overall regional, national, and global economic development competitiveness and positioning, and

WHEREAS, the Sheboygan County Board understands the Wisconsin Economic Development Competitiveness and Positioning Study (the Study) will analyze Wisconsin's capacity to retain and expand existing businesses and attract new business investment in a changing economic climate, and

WHEREAS, the Sheboygan County Board understands the Study will offer program and policy recommendations to align and advance local, regional, and statewide economic development efforts in Wisconsin, and

WHEREAS, the Sheboygan County Board understands the Study will create the framework for a new, bold statewide economic development plan, and

WHEREAS, the Sheboygan County Board understands the Study will be prepared by an independent third-party consulting firm with significant national experience in economic development policy, planning, siting, recruiting, expansion, innovation, industry clusters, and comparative market analysis, and

WHEREAS, the Sheboygan County Board understands the Study will be publicly released and presented in numerous venues throughout Wisconsin in summer 2010, and

WHEREAS, WEDA, CWI, CWA, and WEDI have requested support for the Study from organizations and governmental agencies interested in supporting economic development, and

WHEREAS, the Sheboygan County Board wishes to support economic development initiatives which result in improved economic conditions and business growth throughout the State of Wisconsin;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Sheboygan County Board hereby supports and endorses preparation of the Wisconsin Economic Development Competitiveness and Positioning Study conducted by the Wisconsin Economic Development (WEDA), Competitive Wisconsin, Inc. (CWI), Wisconsin Counties Association (WCA), and the Wisconsin Economic Development Institute (WEDI).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Sheboygan County Board believes the public policy discussion regarding the state's investments in the area of economic development should occur during the 2010 Wisconsin gubernatorial election.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Clerk is directed to send copies of this Resolution to the Wisconsin Economic Development Association (WEDA), Competitive Wisconsin, Inc. (CWI), Wisconsin Counties Association (WCA), and the Wisconsin Economic Development Institute (WEDI).

Respectfully submitted this 20th day of July, 2010.

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