



RESOLUTION # 8-4/11

TO: HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE LA CROSSE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

ITEM # 425

BOARD ACTION

Adopted:   
For: 24  
Against: —  
Abstain: —  
Abs/Excd: 11  
Vote Req: —  
Other Action: —

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ACTION

Adopted:   
For: 4  
Against: —  
Abstain: —  
Abs/Excd: 3

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ACTION

Adopted:   
For: 7  
Against: —  
Abstain: —  
Abs/Excd: 2

**RE: HONORING PUBLIC EMPLOYEES, AFFIRMING SUPPORT FOR COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AND CALLING FOR REPEAL OF PORTIONS OF ACT 10**

**WHEREAS**, the work of public employees provides vital services with professionalism and integrity, making our communities better and safer places to live, work and raise our families; and,

**WHEREAS**, skilled public employees and proactive employee unions are intrinsic to the Wisconsin tradition of innovative and progressive public service and good faith public sector collective bargaining is critical for the long term delivery of innovative and cost effective public services; and,

**WHEREAS**, the labor movement has been central to Wisconsin's history, since 1959 when the nation's first comprehensive public employee bargaining law, (Section 111.70) was adopted, which provided the right of collective bargaining to public employees, and required municipalities, school districts, the university system, and other public entities to bargain with unionized employees; and,

**WHEREAS**, labor unions and employees around the country have stepped forward to assist in managing the impacts of the recession on governmental budgets, and developing creative ways to reduce costs, preserve jobs and improve efficiencies through voluntarily participation in wage and benefit reductions, furloughs, and other cost saving measures.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the La Crosse County Board honors and respects the work of public employees and thanks them for their invaluable contribution to our quality of life through: plowing our roads, keeping our families safe, maintaining our water services, staffing our libraries, maintaining our parks, preventing and putting out fires, maintaining our schools, and educating our children as well as many other public services which strengthen our public structures.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the La Crosse County Board affirms our support for public employees to organize and to bargain collectively and calls upon the legislature to repeal the portions of Wisconsin Act 10, the "Budget Repair Bill" that eliminate public sector collective bargaining and that a copy of this resolution that a copy of this resolution be sent to Wisconsin Counties Association, area legislators and Governor Scott Walker.

**FISCAL NOTE:** there are no direct costs related to the passage of this resolution. However, establishing fair compensation of public employees within a respectful collective bargaining setting is critical to providing efficient services and the lowest cost to taxpayers.

Date: April 11, 2011

WJC  
LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

Margaret Jordan  
RECORDING CLERK

Date: 4-14-11

WJC  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Margaret Jordan  
RECORDING CLERK

	Reviewed Only	Recommended	Not Recommended	
Co. Admin.	_____	_____	_____	Requested By: Multiple Supervisors Date Requested: March 31, 2011 Drafted By: Steve O'Malley
Fin. Director	_____	<u>SD</u>	_____	
Corp. Counsel	_____	<u>GOV</u>	_____	
Board Chair	<u>SD/mn</u>	<u>WAS</u>	_____	

Adopted by the La Crosse County Board this 19 Day of April, 2011

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STATE OF WISCONSIN  
COUNTY OF LA CROSSE

I, Ginny Dankmeyer, County Clerk of La Crosse County do hereby certify that this document is a true and correct copy of the original resolution required by law to be in my custody and which the County Board of Supervisors of La Crosse County adopted at a meeting held on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2011.

Ginny Dankmeyer  
Ginny Dankmeyer, La Crosse County Clerk