

**RESOLUTION #R-\_\_\_\_\_2021**

**Resolution Declaring Marathon County Wisconsin**

**A “Constitutional Sanctuary County”**

**WHEREAS**, the United States Constitution is the oldest written national constitution in the world and serves as the fundamental document that establishes the role of government and defines the basic inalienable rights of all people; and

**WHEREAS**, the Constitution’s first three words, “We the People” affirm that the United States government exists to serve the people of this nation and not the other way around; and

**WHEREAS**, the Constitution of the State of Wisconsin ratified the Bill of Rights and contains a Declaration of Rights which states in Article I:

*“All people are born equally free and independent, and have certain inherent rights; among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness; to secure these rights, governments are instituted, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed.”*

**WHEREAS**, each member of the Marathon County Board of Supervisors took an Oath of Office swearing to support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Wisconsin;

**NOW, THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED** that the Marathon County Board of Supervisors will not pass resolutions, regulations or ordinances that violate the express rights and liberties of its citizens or legal residents as clearly enumerated in the Constitution of the United States and the great State of Wisconsin, including but not limited to the First Amendment rights to the free exercise of religion, the right to free speech, and free assembly, the Second Amendment right to keep and bear arms, the Fourth Amendment right to privacy, the Fifth Amendment right to not be deprived of life, liberty or property without due process of law and the Fourteenth Amendment guarantee of equal protections of all its citizens and legal residents; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Marathon County Board of Supervisors shall at all times uphold its duty to honor and respect the rights of the citizenry and shall zealously protect the fundamental liberties and freedoms We the People hold dear and sacred and challenge all those who seek to infringe upon the rights of the people;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Marathon County Board of Supervisors will review all pending and existing ordinances and resolutions to ensure that they uphold and protect the rights and freedoms guaranteed to its citizens and legal residents by the US and Wisconsin Constitutions.

Dated this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2021