RESOLUTION #R-41-13

AFFIRMING SUPPORT FOR A SIXTH CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE FOR MARATHON COUNTY

WHEREAS, the Director of State Courts of the Wisconsin Supreme Court has informed the Marathon County Board of Supervisors that the Marathon County Circuit Court caseload, based on the 2011 Wisconsin Weighted Caseload Study, indicates a current need for seven (7) judges in Marathon County; and

WHEREAS, Marathon County is currently authorized five circuit judges and the rate of growth of case filings in Marathon County has consistently warranted seven (7) judges for the past five years; and

WHEREAS, the Director of the State Courts has indicated to the Chief Judge of the Ninth Judicial District that it is anticipated that a bill will be introduced in the State Legislature to allocate additional judgeships; and

WHEREAS, Marathon County's judge need has been identified as one of the highest in the state.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Marathon hereby requests the Director of State Courts to request the Wisconsin State Legislature to allocate a sixth judgeship for Marathon County; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors reaffirms that it will support both space and personnel requirements deemed necessary for support of a sixth circuit judge.

Dated this 25 day of June, 2013.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

FISCAL IMPACT ESTIMATE (2013 projections): Maximum staff anticipated is one courtroom clerk and one judicial assistant:

Clerk gross salary and benefits: $55,967

Judicial Assistant gross salary and benefits: $61,020

If a sixth judgeship is created, Marathon County would receive the court support grant base amount of $42,275 per year times six judges rather than five judges.

The addition of a sixth judge will result in the need to construct a sixth permanent courtroom consistent with the 20 year Courthouse plan.

STATE OF WISCONSIN)
)SS.
COUNTY OF MARATHON)

I, Nan Kottke, County Clerk in and for Marathon County, Wisconsin, hereby certify that the attached Resolution #R-41-13 was adopted by the Marathon County Board of Supervisors at their Adjourned Organizational meeting which was held June 25, 2013.

Nan Kottke

S E A L

Nan Kottke
Marathon County Clerk