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## **It's Finally Over: Let's Look at the Big Picture**

Election season is finally over. Thank goodness is likely what we are all thinking. Hopefully now we don't have to have decisive conversations at the grocery store, sporting events, coffee shops or practically everywhere we have been.

When we have elections we need to move on whether the candidate you voted for was on the winning end or not and not put the blame on the people we didn't vote for. This year we had many elections from our Constitutional offices all the way down to our county officials. Some were contested and some were not. Every voter took interest and ownership of the candidates on the ballot. Some went as far as to publicly endorse them. And some of us maybe didn't know who the candidate was, but we knew their political affiliation.

Lately, in our current climate, feelings and attitudes towards our friends and neighbors are changed because of their political views. How can we change this? My thoughts are that it starts with yourself. If you prioritize the reason to dislike somebody because of their political views, you are missing out on who those people really are. And as humans, it's too easy to believe what you've been told. As the old saying goes 'believe nothing of what you hear and only half of what you see.' Political views are important in getting to know someone but not always the most important when it comes down to who they really are.

I have met kind people with opposing views but I have also met people who have been quick to judge. But my opinion on this matter is that our differences are never put far enough behind us in politics. If you take the time to get to know people and give them a chance, they may not be so bad after all. I am truly concerned about the example that we are setting for our youth to follow. No matter where you are, we are always being watched by our youth and setting the example for them to follow. This should encourage us to work together to make our world a better place for the future.

The people's government in our great country has been strong for 242 years and we have seen many changes in that time economically, socially and politically. But there is one thing that has continued over all these years. We have moved on from these changes and continue to strive for excellence. Imagine what our country as a whole felt like at the dawn of the Civil War. If you think we have had it really bad in our political climate lately, let's think about how it could always be worse. Remember that after the Civil War ended we picked up the pieces and continued to move forward. There is absolutely one thing that we will always learn from and that is our mistakes.



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With that being said, our political leaders are human just like the rest of us. They will continue to make mistakes, but there is one thing we all want to accomplish...something to make the lives of others better. This can't be done without the support in some capacity of all the people along the way.

I myself haven't gotten my way on everything. But I always have two choices. I can stew in the negativity and disappointment with my head in my hands or I can get up and take what I did get and continue moving forward. But on the other side, when we do get things to go our way, sometimes our reactions unknowingly have negative impacts on those around us. Remember, to equally judge someone based on how they act when they lose and also how they act when they win.

An election cycle has an enormous amount of emotion. Positive and negative energy that sometimes even the wisest of individuals can't control their behavior because of the deep passion they have for their core beliefs.

As many of you know on November 6<sup>th</sup> 2018 I was re-elected to serve as your Assemblyman for the 92<sup>nd</sup> district. This area includes Buffalo, Jackson and Trempealeau Counties. I consider it one of the highest honors of my life and I am appreciative that the good people in our communities have put their faith and trust in me. And knowing that not every person voted for me, I also have to keep an open mind, listen to all of my constituents, and try to find common ground.

My priorities have always been and will always be to help and improve upon our area and the lives of those around us in whatever capacity I am able to. As I represent rural and small town Wisconsin, when we talk of decisiveness, it seems to be magnified in these communities and spreads like the flu.

Being a parent, sometimes I look at the reaction to others actions and we miss the big picture of what actually is going on by stressing too much on the negatives.

As I noticed in the campaign that I ran, I had positive and negative interactions with people. That is always going to be expressed in any competition.

For example, I've been to and frequently participated in many sporting events and when an official makes a questionable or incorrect judgement, it is so easy to point the finger and lay the blame on that person. Or if you are getting out performed by a player on the opposing team, we tend to always find flaws in them and stress upon those instead of giving credit where credit is due. In the end, we live with these judgements and we have to keep moving forward.



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I wish you all a successful hunting season as well as Thanksgiving. Be sure to keep in mind that there are other things to talk about than politics as you gather with loved ones. Try to think of those around you as you go hunting and gather for the holidays as there could be someone out there you could take with to help strengthen relationships within our communities. Because traditions will continue with the help of good people like those of the 92<sup>nd</sup>. I look forward to serving you in the coming years.

Please, feel free to contact my office with questions, comments, or concerns. After all, my staff is also ready and willing to serve you as I am.

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