Resolution No. 12-16

Resolution to Rescind Resolution Declaring English as the Official Language of Polk County

TO THE HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE POLK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

Ladies and Gentlemen:

WHEREAS, on January 21, 2014, the Polk County Board of Supervisors adopted Resolution No. 03-14, entitled "Resolution Declaring English as the Official Language of Polk County"; and

WHEREAS, the rationale for this resolution was to reduce county costs and increase efficiency, to promote proficiency in the English language, to remove barriers to understanding and to benefit Polk County both economically and culturally; and

WHEREAS, experience to date has show that this resolution has had no discernible beneficial effect on Polk County costs, government operations or the County's economy; and

WEREAS, the Polk County Board of Supervisors remains committed to providing the best quality services to all of its citizens; and

WHEREAS, the prohibition on expenditures for translation or interpretation services contained in this resolution could result in risks to health and safety of Polk County citizens and public officials and consequent liability due to miscommunication, especially in an emergency; and

WHEREAS, the federal and state governments may require use of languages other than English for publications or in legal proceedings and, without detailed analysis of these requirements, failure to do so could place the County in legal jeopardy.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Polk County Board of Supervisors rescinds Resolution No. 03-14.

Funding Source/ Funding Amount:	Not Applicable
Date Reviewed as to Appropriations:	Not Applicable
Committee Recommendation as To Appropriation:	Not Applicable
Effective Date:	Upon Passage
Dated Submitted To County Board	March 15, 2016
Submitted By: William F. Johnson by CAW William F. Johnson, IV. County Board Chairperson	
Review By County Administrator:	Review By Corporation Counsel:

☒ Recommended ☐ Not Recommended ☐ Reviewed Only Dana Frey, County Administrator	☒ Approved as to Form ☒ Recommended ☐ Not Recommended ☐ Reviewed Only Jeffrey B. Fuge, Corporation Counsel

Acknowledgement of County Board Action

At its regular business meeting on March 15, 2016 the Polk County Board of Supervisors considered and acted on the above resolution, adopted Resolution No. 12-16
Resolution to Rescind Resolution Declaring English as the Official Language of Polk County, as follows:

- ☒ Adopted by a vote of 8 in favor and 6 against.
- ☐ Adopted by majority voice vote.
- ☐ Defeated by a vote of _____ in favor and _____against.
- ☐ Defeated by majority voice vote
- ☐ Action Deferred by Procedural Action, as follows: _____

SIGNED BY: _____
William F. Johnson, IV, County Board Chairperson

Attest: _____
Carole T. Wondra, County Clerk

STATE OF WISCONSIN)
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COUNTY OF POLK)

I Carole T. Wondra, Clerk for Polk County, do hereby certify that the attached is a true and correct copy of Resolution No. 12-16, that was adopted by the Polk County Board of Supervisors on March 15, 2016

Carole T. Wondra 3-23-16

Carole T. Wondra, Date
Polk County Clerk