

SAMPLE LOCAL GOVERNMENT RESOLUTION
Supporting the Wisconsin Opportunity Act

AT A MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL/BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS/SCHOOL BOARD OF _____ CITY/COUNTY, WISCONSIN, HELD AT _____, ON _____ 2019,

RESOLUTION **- Urging Passage of the Wisconsin Opportunity Act (LRB 0891)**

WHEREAS, the City Council/Board of Commissioners/School Board of the City/County of City/County, Wisconsin, does hereby find as follows:

WHEREAS, The Institute for Research on Poverty reports that more than 1 in 10 Wisconsinites live in poverty, including 16.9% of all children in the state;

WHEREAS, the 2017 *Wisconsin Poverty Report* shows that poverty has increased in the state;

WHEREAS In 2018, the Department of Public Instruction identified more than 19,000 homeless children and youth throughout the state;

WHEREAS, 306,000 low-income Wisconsin renters pay more than half their income for housing;

WHEREAS, 37.5% of Wisconsinites struggle to afford the necessities of housing, child care, health care, food, and transportation, according to the 2018 United Way *ALICE Study of Financial Hardship*.

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin Opportunity Act aims to provide the transformational investments that reduce poverty and fundamentally improve people's economic circumstances. This act furthers the goal of addressing the systemic barriers to achieving economic stability by providing housing, health, job training, and income supports.

WHEREAS, the WOA is the result of extensive consultation with stakeholders and local communities and features fundamentally sound practices for improving the lives of low and moderate-income households across the state. Enacting and implementing WOA will position our state as a leader in promoting inclusive economic development.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY PROCLAIMED by the City Council/Board of Commissioners/School Board of the City/County of City/County, Wisconsin, that we support passage and enactment of the Wisconsin Opportunity Act in the Wisconsin State Legislature.

Dated: _____ City Council/Board of Commissioners/School Board