

1 **WASHINGTON COUNTY, WISCONSIN**

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3 Date of enactment: 8/12/06  
4 Date of publication: 8/26/08

5 **VOTE**

6 **2008 RESOLUTION 28**

7 **Authorize Participation in the Southeast Wisconsin Mutual Aid Compact**  
8 **(SEWMAC) for Emergency Management Assistance**

9 **WHEREAS**, §66.0301 (formerly §66.30), Wis. Stats., authorizes Wisconsin municipali-  
10 ties to enter into agreements with other counties for the receipt or furnishing of services or the  
11 joint exercise of any power or duty required or authorized by law; and

12 **WHEREAS**, a mutual aid compact for County emergency management services has been  
13 proposed for implementation within the Southeast Wisconsin Emergency Management Region,  
14 which consists of the counties of Washington, Kenosha, Walworth, Racine, Milwaukee, Wauke-  
15 sha, Jefferson, Ozaukee and the City of Milwaukee; and

16 **WHEREAS**, the Washington County Board of Supervisors believes that intergovern-  
17 mental cooperation for purposes of sharing emergency management resources should be encour-  
18 aged and that the Southeast Wisconsin Mutual Aid Compact would afford benefits to county res-  
19 idents by coordinating emergency management services in the event of a large scale emergency,  
20 natural disaster, or man-made catastrophe; and

21 **WHEREAS**, emergencies involving natural disasters and/or technological incidents may  
22 arise within the boundaries of counties located in the Southeast Wisconsin Emergency Manage-  
23 ment Region, which may require an affected county to seek additional assistance beyond its own  
24 resources; and

25 **WHEREAS**, the knowledge, skills and abilities of emergency management staff person-  
26 nel throughout the Southeast Wisconsin region could be requested to assist in dealing with natu-  
27 ral and/or man made disasters within the geographical boundaries of the Southeast Wisconsin  
28 Emergency Management Region; and

29 **WHEREAS**, the parties recognize that natural and/or man made disasters can more ef-  
30 fectively be handled by pooling of human resources; and

31 **WHEREAS**, the parties have authority to enter into this Mutual Aid Compact pursuant to  
32 Sections 59.03, 59.04, 66.0301, 66.0313, 66.0314 and 166.03 of the Wisconsin Statutes;

33 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Washington County Board of Su-  
34 pervisors that the Board endorses the concept of the Mutual Aid Compact for emergency man-  
35 agement services between Washington County and the other counties and city referred to herein  
36 and authorizes the County Board Chairperson, County Clerk and Emergency Management Coor-  
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1 dinator to enter into said agreement, subject to the review and approval of the County Attorney's  
2 Office;

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4 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Washington County Emergency Management  
5 Coordinator shall review with the County Board Chairperson, or designee, any and all requests  
6 for assistance made by Washington County or of Washington County under the Compact re-  
7 ferred to herein prior to providing or receiving said assistance and gain approval of the Chairper-  
8 son, or designee, prior to acting pursuant to the Compact.

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12 VOTE REQUIREMENT FOR PASSAGE: Majority

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14 RESOLUTION SUMMARY: This Resolution authorizes the County to enter into a Mutual Aid  
15 Compact for emergency management assistance.

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17 APPROVED: Introduced by members of the PUBLIC SAFETY  
18 **(signed by Kimberly A. Nass)** COMMITTEE as filed with the County Clerk.

19 Kimberly A. Nass, County Attorney

20 Dated **8/12/08**

21 **(signed by Joseph C. Gonnering)**

22 Considered **8/12/08**

Joseph C. Gonnering, Chairperson

23 Adopted **8/12/08**

24 Ayes **29** Noes **0** Absent **1**

25 Voice Vote \_\_\_\_\_

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27 (Fiscal effect unknown.)