

1 **WASHINGTON COUNTY, WISCONSIN**

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3 Date of enactment: 2/9/2010
4 Date of publication: 2/16/2010

5 **VOTE**

6 **2009 RESOLUTION 66**

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8 **Opposition to 2009 Assembly Bill 634 – Protective Status**
9 **for Correction Officers Under the Wisconsin Retirement System**

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11 **WHEREAS**, under current Wisconsin law, participants in the Wisconsin Retirement
12 System (WRS) whose primary job duties involve law enforcement or fire fighting requiring a
13 high degree of physical conditioning and frequent exposure by virtue of those positions to risky
14 situations, are provided protective services status which means that under WRS, an earlier
15 retirement age is assigned and a higher percentage multiplier is used to calculate retirement
16 benefits; and

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18 **WHEREAS**, 2009 Assembly Bill 634 proposes to extend such benefits to not only
19 county and state correctional officers but to all employees of county jails, county juvenile
20 detention facilities, state employees who are employed at state correctional facilities, juvenile
21 correctional facilities, Mendota and Winnebago Mental Health Institutes, Wisconsin Resource
22 Center and other similar facilities; and

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24 **WHEREAS**, if 2009 AB 634 is adopted and protective status is granted, Washington
25 County will face increased personnel costs; and

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27 **WHEREAS**, an estimate, based on the current proposal which includes all county
28 employees in the jail and juvenile detention, would mean that the multiplier alone would increase
29 from 12% to 18.5% of the wage level for approximately 65 county employees at an earlier
30 retirement age;

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32 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Washington County Board of
33 Supervisors that this Board does hereby oppose 2009 AB 634.

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35 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the County Clerk is instructed to send a copy of
36 this resolution to all senators and representatives serving Washington County.

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38 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the County Clerk is instructed to send a copy of
39 this resolution to all counties in the State of Wisconsin with the request that they send a similar
40 resolution to the senators and representatives serving their counties.

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44 **VOTE REQUIREMENT FOR PASSAGE: Majority**
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1 RESOLUTION SUMMARY: Advisory resolution opposing 2009 AB 634, protective status for
2 corrections officers and other positions.

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4 APPROVED: Introduced by members of the
5 (signed by Kimberly A. Nass) FINANCE COMMITTEE
6 Kimberly A. Nass, County Attorney as filed with the County Clerk.
7 Dated 2/11/2010 (signed by Richard L. Bertram)
8 Considered 2/9/2010 Richard Bertram, Vice-Chairperson
9 Adopted 2/9/2010
10 Ayes 27 Noes 0 Absent 3
11 Voice Vote _____

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13 (The additional cost to the county to include all employees in the jail and juvenile detention
14 facility in the protective classification of Wisconsin retirement would be over \$200,000 for
15 2010.)