WHEREAS, the 2013-2015 State Biennial Budget required the Wisconsin Court System to return a total of $11.8 Million to the State General fund over the next two-year period, resulting in budget cuts affecting the Sheboygan County Circuit Court system, and

WHEREAS, if these budget cuts are made, the Sheboygan County Circuit Court system will no longer receive State funding at its previous level in the form of Circuit Court payments, interpreter reimbursement, and guardian ad litem payments, and

WHEREAS, the proposed reduction in funding and resulting budget cuts would create a significant financial challenge to Sheboygan County potentially resulting in an increased tax levy, and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of Sheboygan County to oppose this proposed budget reduction;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Sheboygan County Board opposes the lapse of Wisconsin judicial branch funding to the State General Fund over the 2013-2015 biennium.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Clerk is directed to forward copies of this Resolution to the Governor, state and federal legislative representatives having constituencies in Sheboygan County, the Wisconsin Counties Association, and such other public officials as the Clerk may deem appropriate.

Respectfully submitted this 15th day of July, 2014.

LAW COMMITTEE

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Opposed to Introduction:

ADOPTED 08.19.2014