Resolution No. 5-0714

RESOLUTION OPPOSING LAPSE OF COURT FUNDING
TO THE STATE GENERAL FUND

WHEREAS, the 2013-2015 State Biennial Budget requires the Wisconsin court system to return $11.8 million of its general purpose and program revenue appropriations to the State General Fund, resulting in budget cuts affecting the Iowa County circuit court system; and

WHEREAS, with these budget cuts, the Iowa County circuit court system will not receive State funding at its previous level in the form of circuit court payments, interpreter assistance, and guardian ad litem assistance; and

WHEREAS, this reduction of funding and resulting budget cuts creates an enormous financial challenge to Iowa County, potentially resulting in an increased tax levy while striving to meet the challenge of the state levy cap; and

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

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Iowa County Board hereby states its opposition to the lapse of Wisconsin judicial branch funding to the State general fund over the next two-year period; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Iowa County Clerk shall forward a copy of this resolution to Iowa County’s state legislators, Governor Scott Walker, and the Director of State Courts.

Resolution drafted by Iowa County Corporation Counsel at the request of, and respectfully submitted by, the Iowa County Justice Committee.

Adopted by the Iowa County Board of Supervisors this 15th day of July, 2014.