

RESOLUTION NO. 9-0610

by the Board of Supervisors of Iowa County

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING AN INDEPENDENT STUDY OF WISCONSIN'S ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMPETITIVENESS AND POSITIONING, CONDUCTED BY THE WISCONSIN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION (WEDA), COMPETITIVE WISCONSIN, INC., (CWI) AND THE WISCONSIN COUNTIES ASSOCIATION (WCA), WITH SUPPORT FROM THE WISCONSIN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE (WEDI)

WHEREAS, Iowa County understands the Wisconsin Economic Development Association (WEDA), Competitive Wisconsin, Inc., (CWI) the Wisconsin Counties Association (WCA), and the Wisconsin Economic Development Institute (WEDI) are all Wisconsin-based statewide organizations which have agreed to collaboratively conduct a research project that examines Wisconsin's overall regional, national, and global economic development competitiveness and positioning; and,

WHEREAS, Iowa County understands the *Wisconsin Economic Development Competitiveness and Positioning Study* will analyze Wisconsin's capacity to retain and expand existing businesses, and attract new business investment in a changing economic climate; and,

WHEREAS, Iowa County understands the *Wisconsin Economic Development Competitiveness and Positioning Study* will offer program and policy recommendations to align and advance local, regional, and statewide economic development efforts in Wisconsin; and,

WHEREAS, Iowa County understands the *Wisconsin Economic Development Competitiveness and Positioning Study* will create the framework for a new, bold statewide economic development plan; and,

WHEREAS, Iowa County understands the *Wisconsin Economic Development Competitiveness and Positioning Study* will be prepared by an independent third-party consulting firm with significant national experience in economic development policy, planning, siting, recruiting, expansion, innovation, industry clusters, and comparative market analysis; and,

WHEREAS, Iowa County understands the *Wisconsin Economic Development Competitiveness and Positioning Study* will be publicly released and presented in numerous venues throughout Wisconsin in 2010; and,

WHEREAS, WEDA, CWI, and WCA have requested support for the *Wisconsin Economic Development Competitiveness and Positioning Study* from organizations and governmental agencies interested in supporting economic development; and,


WHEREAS, Iowa County wishes to support economic development initiatives which result in improved economic conditions and business growth throughout the State of Wisconsin; and,


WHEREAS, Iowa County authorizes this resolution in lieu of financial support to WEDA, CWI, and WCA in pursuit of this initiative.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Iowa County it hereby supports and endorses preparation of the *Wisconsin Economic Development Competitiveness and Positioning Study*, conducted by the Wisconsin Economic Development Association (WEDA), Competitive Wisconsin, Inc., (CWI) and the Wisconsin Counties Association (WCA), with support from the Wisconsin Economic Development Institute (WEDI); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Iowa County believes the public policy discussion regarding the state's investments in the area of economic development should occur during the 2010 Wisconsin gubernatorial election.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED ON June 15, 2010.


By: David J. Bauer
Chairman of the Board


By: Greg Klusendorf
County Clerk