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**RESOLUTION**

**URGING THE STATE LEGISLATURE TO PERMIT CITIES TO ENACT A SALES TAX**

**WHEREAS**, the Wisconsin Constitution provides that municipalities “may determine their local affairs and government, subject only to this constitution and to such enactments of the legislature of statewide concern”; and

**WHEREAS**, Wisconsin law currently allows for counties to enact sales taxes under Wis. Stat. § 77.70 but does not allow for cities and villages to enact a sales tax; and

**WHEREAS**, cities and villages are the most local form of government in Wisconsin, and are responsible for maintaining the quality of life for all residents; and

**WHEREAS**, cities and villages, as the most local form of government, are best positioned to determine whether a sales tax is acceptable to their residents and can best allocate the funds to serve all residents of the municipality on the resources that are deemed appropriate by local elected officials.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by Mayor Justin M. Nickels and the Common Council of the City of Manitowoc that the Wisconsin State Legislature be urged to revise Wis. Stat. §77.70 to allow any county, city or village to adopt a sales tax by ordinance.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the City Clerk is directed to forward a copy of this resolution to Governor Scott Walker, Senator Devin LeMahieu, and Representative Paul Tittl, and the League of Wisconsin Municipalities.

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Justin M. Nickels, Mayor

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**Fiscal Impact:** n/a  
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