

**RESOLUTION NO. 1-0202**  
**PERTAINING TO THE CREATION OF A "TECHNOLOGY ZONE"**

**WHEREAS**, the State of Wisconsin authorized in the recently adopted biennial budget the creation of up to eight Technology Zones throughout Wisconsin; and

**WHEREAS**, said Technology Zones will allow for allocation of up to \$5,000,000 in Wisconsin income tax credits during a period of up to ten years for businesses within targeted industry clusters that undertake technology-related spending, and that such credits may be carried forward by an individual firm for up to fifteen years after being certified as a technology zone employer; and

**WHEREAS**, the Wisconsin Department of Commerce (DOC) has been named as the department which will designate the eight zones and administer the program; and

**WHEREAS**, it has been strongly indicated by the DOC that Technology Zone applications that are submitted by multiple jurisdictions in a regionally cooperative effort will receive additional consideration for approval; and

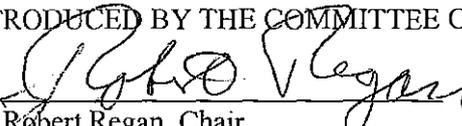
**WHEREAS**, the southwestern Wisconsin area of the State can be expected to greatly benefit from this powerful incentive toward the creation of high technology jobs and new investments in technology.

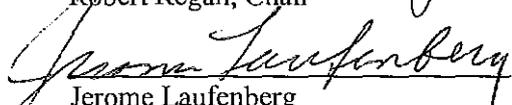
**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the County of Iowa, working with the Chambers of Commerce and business organizations within the county, and the Southwestern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission, will:

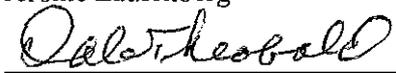
1. Assist in the identification of appropriate partners, including but not limited to, the University of Wisconsin - Platteville, Southwest Wisconsin Technical College, the Southwestern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission, and the counties of Crawford, Grant, Green, Lafayette, and Richland and the county economic development corporations or other appropriate economic development organizations, and various interested units of local government.
2. Assist in the identification of appropriate locations where technology investments are most likely to occur, and in the identification of one or more industry clusters which may be appropriate for industry expansion or recruitment, and which should be targeted by the economic development partners in the future for potential tax benefits when technology investments can and do occur.
3. Provide assistance, as required, in the preparation of the application being performed under the auspices of the newly formed Southwestern Wisconsin Economic Development Coalition, composed of the many partners identified above under #1 and various other organizations interested in the economic development of southwest Wisconsin.

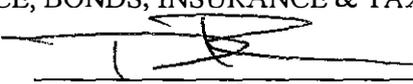
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the County Board Chair is hereby authorized to sign the application on behalf of Iowa County and all identified beneficiaries of the proposed Technology Zone within the county.

INTRODUCED BY THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE, BONDS, INSURANCE & TAX CLAIMS

  
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