

**RESOLUTION NO. 10-0308**

**TO THE HONORABLE IOWA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:**

**WHEREAS**, the Clerk of Courts performs a variety of critical functions of county government, particularly in the administration of court activity but at a cost to the taxpayers

**WHEREAS**, Sheboygan County studied their Clerk of Court Office and found that taxpayers are increasingly burdened with funding its operations in large part due to amount of fines and forfeitures collected by the local Clerk of the Court but forwarded to the state; and

**WHEREAS**, as identified in the Sheboygan County Clerk of Court study, since 1977, the State Legislature has enacted more than 60 new surcharges for counties to collect and forward to the State; and;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the Iowa County Board of Supervisors hereby supports Sheboygan County's Clerk of the Court Funding Disparity and Property Tax Relief report that calls for the state to:

1. Redirect the court support services surcharge to its intended purpose; or
2. Allow the counties to retain more of the fines and forfeitures the Clerk of the Court collects; or
3. Creates new surcharge on behalf of counties.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, copies of the resolution be forwarded to the State Senator Dale Schultz, State Representative Steve Hilgenberg, Governor Doyle and the Wisconsin County Association.

Respectfully submitted by the Iowa County Justice Committee:

Dated this 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 2008.