

**Resolution No. 3-0810**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE IOWA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
ADOPTING A POLICY PROHIBITING THE USE OF EXCESSIVE FORCE  
AGAINST NON-VIOLENT CIVIL RIGHTS DEMONSTRATORS**

**WHEREAS**, the Congress of the United States has passed the Armstrong/Walker “Excessive Force” Amendment (P.L. 101-144, Section 510) prohibiting the use of excessive force by a local law enforcement agency against any individual engaged in nonviolent civil rights demonstration within its jurisdiction;

**AND WHEREAS**, the County of Iowa is applying for and may receive an “Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant” through the Wisconsin Department of Commerce, and is required to comply with the Armstrong/Walker “excessive force” Amendment;

**AND WHEREAS**, the use of excessive force against demonstrators may cause the County to lose its grant or eligibility for future federal grants;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY BOARD CHAIR  
AND BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF IOWA, WISCONSIN:**

- Section 1. It is policy of the County that excessive force by local law enforcement agencies shall not be used against individuals engaged in lawful and non violent civil rights demonstrations within the County boundaries.
- Section 2. The County Board of Supervisors adopts the Iowa County Sheriff’s Department Policy and Procedure for “Use of Force” which specifically prohibits the use of Excessive Force in all situations including Civil Demonstrations. This policy follows the Wisconsin Law Enforcement Standards Board policies on Use of Force.
- Section3. It is policy of the County that any State and Local Laws against physically barring entrance to or exit from a facility or location that is the subject of such non-violent civil rights demonstrations within its jurisdiction will be enforced.

Respectfully submitted by the Justice Committee.

Adopted this 17th day of August, 2010.