

**Resolution No. 5-0714**

**RESOLUTION OPPOSING LAPSE OF COURT FUNDING  
TO THE STATE GENERAL FUND**

**WHEREAS**, the 2013-2015 State Biennial Budget requires the Wisconsin court system to return \$11.8 million of its general purpose and program revenue appropriations to the State General Fund, resulting in budget cuts affecting the Iowa County circuit court system; and

**WHEREAS**, with these budget cuts, the Iowa County circuit court system will not receive State funding at its previous level in the form of circuit court payments, interpreter assistance, and guardian ad litem assistance; and

**WHEREAS**, this reduction of funding and resulting budget cuts creates an enormous financial challenge to Iowa County, potentially resulting in an increased tax levy while striving to meet the challenge of the state levy cap; and

**WHEREAS**, it is in the best interests of Iowa County to oppose this budget reduction;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Iowa County Board hereby states its opposition to the lapse of Wisconsin judicial branch funding to the State general fund over the next two-year period; and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Iowa County Clerk shall forward a copy of this resolution to Iowa County's state legislators, Governor Scott Walker, and the Director of State Courts.

Resolution drafted by Iowa County Corporation Counsel at the request of, and respectfully submitted by, the Iowa County Justice Committee.

Adopted by the Iowa County Board of Supervisors this 15<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2014.