



**RESOLUTION #** 44-1/23

**TO: HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE LA CROSSE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

*AS Amended*

**ITEM #** 1-26

**BOARD ACTION**

Adopted:   
For: 16  
Against: 10  
Abstain: 0  
Abs/Excd: 2-2-2023  
Vote Req: Majority  
Other Action: \_\_\_\_\_

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ACTION**

Adopted:   
For: 8  
Against: 1  
Abstain: 0  
Abs/Excd: 1

**RE: AUTHORIZING ADVISORY REFERENDUM QUESTION ON ABORTION BAN**

**WHEREAS**, On June 24, 2022, the United States Supreme Court made the decision to overturn *Roe v. Wade*, eliminating people's constitutional right to access a safe and legal abortion. Given this reversal of a 50-year precedent, individual states now dictate access to reproductive care; and,

**WHEREAS**, Wisconsin Statute s. 940.04, enacted in 1849, bans abortion at any stage of pregnancy without exception for rape, incest, or health of the patient.; and,

**WHEREAS**, polling consistently shows that the majority of people in Wisconsin, and across the United States, oppose the overturn of *Roe v. Wade*; and,

**WHEREAS**, the decision to overturn *Roe v. Wade* disproportionately affects communities of color, low-income communities, people who are disabled, immigrants, young people, and members of the LGBTQ+ community. This is an attack on reproductive care and sets a dangerous precedent for other questions of bodily autonomy;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that pursuant to Wisconsin Statute s. 59.52(25) the La Crosse County Board hereby directs the County Clerk to place the question set forth below on the April 4, 2023 ballot as an advisory referendum:

Advisory Referendum Question:

*or REPEAL*  
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"Should the Wisconsin legislature repeal the state's 1849 abortion ban that provides no exceptions in cases of rape or incest nor to protect the health of the mother?"

- a. YES REPEAL
- b. ~~NO~~ KEEP

**FISCAL NOTE:** Approximately \$5,000 for the preparation and noticing of the referendum ballot.

Date: 1/11/23  
*[Signature]*  
**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE CHAIR**

Date: 1-11-23  
*[Signature]*  
**RECORDING CLERK**

	Reviewed Only	Recommended	Not Recommended	
Co. Admin.	_____	_____	_____	Requested By: Chair Kruse, Supervisors Freedland, Isola, Wacek, Cable, Tryggestad, Larson and Viner Date Requested: December 20, 2022 Drafted By: Corporation Counsel
Fin. Director	<i>[Signature]</i>	_____	_____	
Corp. Counsel	<i>[Signature]</i>	_____	_____	
Board Chair	<i>[Signature]</i>	_____	_____	

Adopted by the La Crosse County Board this 19 Day of January, 2023

STATE OF WISCONSIN  
COUNTY OF LA CROSSE

I, Ginny Dankmeyer, County Clerk of La Crosse County do hereby certify that this document is a true and correct copy of the original resolution required by law to be in my custody and which the County Board of Supervisors of La Crosse County adopted at a meeting held on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of January 2023.

*[Signature]*  
Ginny Dankmeyer, La Crosse County Clerk