

1 By Supervisors Haas  
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3 **A RESOLUTION**

4 In support of the state enacting legislation that changes the requirements for persons  
5 officiating at a marriage  
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7 WHEREAS, under current law, someone under the age of 18 may officiate a  
8 marriage; and  
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10 WHEREAS, there is a concern that minors become ordained (online) and are  
11 performing marriages, but the witnesses required to sign a marriage license must be adults;  
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13 WHEREAS, under current law, an out-of-state member of the clergy must obtain a  
14 letter of sponsorship from a member of the clergy of the same denomination who works in  
15 Wisconsin; however, an out-of-state officiant who is not affiliated with a religious  
16 denomination or whose denomination does not ordain or appoint clergy is not required to  
17 obtain a letter of sponsorship; and  
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19 WHEREAS, this legislation closes a loophole regarding minors who attempt to  
20 officiate a marriage and creates consistency for all out-of-state officiants; now, THEREFORE,  
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22 BE IT RESOLVED, that the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors supports  
23 Assembly Bill 429.  
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