

**A RESOLUTION BANNING THE CARRYING OF FIREARMS AND
CONCEALED WEAPONS IN COUNTY BUILDINGS AND VEHICLES**

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin legislature has approved and the Wisconsin governor has signed a law permitting qualified Wisconsin residents to carry concealed weapons; and,

WHEREAS, allowable “weapons” include handguns, electronic weapons (TASERS), billy clubs and knives other than switchblades; and,

WHEREAS, Sections 943.13(1m)(c)(4) and 175.60 Wis. Stats., permit local governments that are owners, occupiers, or otherwise in control of buildings, to prohibit the carrying of firearms and concealed weapons in or on such buildings; and,

WHEREAS, Section 175.60 (15m)(a) permits an employer to prohibit the carrying of concealed weapons during the course of employment; and,

WHEREAS, the County of Rock is the owner, lessee or is otherwise in control of numerous buildings throughout Rock County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled this 13th day of October, 2011 that pursuant to Section 943.13(1m)(c)(4), the County of Rock hereby prohibits the carrying of firearms and concealed weapons of any type in any building owned, occupied or controlled by Rock County, by any person other than an authorized law enforcement officer; except the buildings located at 3728 South Oakhill Avenue, and 2713 Eagle Road, Janesville, Wisconsin, when those buildings are utilized as private residences; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the display or exhibition of firearms and the placing of firearms in connection with a duly authorized gun show at the Rock County 4H Fairgrounds or their removal there from shall not constitute the open carrying of firearms within the meaning of this resolution; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all future leases of Rock County owned buildings or parts thereof shall require that, as a condition of such lease, the lessee shall, in a manner consistent with this resolution and state law, prohibit the carrying of firearms and concealed weapons, except for authorized law enforcement officers. This resolution shall not apply to any buildings owned by Rock County comprising the UW-Rock County campus; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the carrying of firearms and concealed weapons in any building or part thereof leased by Rock County is hereby prohibited, except for authorized law enforcement officers; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Rock County General Services Department shall place signs in proper number and in conformity with Section 943.13(2)(bm) no later than November 1, 2011.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, pursuant to Section 175.60 (15m)(a), the carrying of concealed weapons by any Rock County employee during the course of employment, except by authorized law enforcement officers, is hereby prohibited, except as provided by Section 175.60(15m)(b); and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the carrying, possessing or storing of any weapon in County owned vehicles is prohibited except as follows:

- a) This resolution shall not apply to authorized law enforcement officers.
- b) This resolution shall not apply to vehicles operated by the Rock County Sheriff's Office under such regulations as the Rock County Sheriff shall deem appropriate; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an employee who violates this Resolution shall be subject to discipline up to and including discharge.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Human Resources Director shall take such steps as to provide reasonable notice of this action to all employees no later than November 1, 2011