

**Town of Liberty Grove  
Resolution 1-10  
Opposing DOR County Assessment Proposal**

Whereas, the Wisconsin Department of Revenue (DOR) proposes to change from municipal assessment to county assessment of real and personal property, and

Whereas, this action will further take away local control and result in increased costs to taxpayers, and

Whereas, costs for assessment per parcel based on DOR estimates will more than double for Liberty Grove (\$25 estimate vs. \$10.39 current actual Town per parcel costs), and

Whereas, local contact with citizens through open book and board of review proceedings will be lost with operations located at county seats, and

Whereas, DOR oversight is questionable over county assessment practices and concerns arise over loss of appeal rights of towns over their full value as determined by county assessment, and

Whereas, DOR concerns over local assessment practices and other issues with certification and performance can be addressed under the current system without changing to a county assessment system, and

Whereas, it has not been proven that a "single value" assessment system is required in Wisconsin, or that changing to a county assessment system will actually bring increased uniformity and equity to assessment levels, and

Whereas, concerns over existing assessment practices should be studied by a cooperative procedure on a give and take basis rather than a blanket change to a county system that is dictated by state government and sold as a "catch all" solution which may create more problems than it is purported to solve; therefore

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Liberty Grove, Door County, Wisconsin does hereby oppose the implementation of county assessment in Wisconsin, and further

BE IT RESOLVED, that the State of Wisconsin, local governments and other stakeholders should begin a cooperative effort to investigate improvements to local assessment practices, should they be needed, and implement solutions to said problems before eliminating the current system.

Adopted this 13<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2010, by the Town Board of the Town of Liberty Grove, Door County, Wisconsin.

\_\_\_\_\_  
John Lowry, Chairman

Supervisors:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Ann Miller

\_\_\_\_\_  
Robert Tidball

\_\_\_\_\_  
Nancy Goss

\_\_\_\_\_  
Franklyn Forkert

*I, Walter L. Kalms, Clerk/Administrator of the Town of Liberty Grove, Door County, Wisconsin do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of a resolution which was adopted on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2010 by the Liberty Grove Town Board.*

\_\_\_\_\_  
Walter L. Kalms