

RESOLUTION 2010-5

**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE RENOVATION OF THE FEDERAL COURTHOUSE IN GREEN BAY
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF WISCONSIN**

WHEREAS, the Village of Howard, Wisconsin believes it is essential to maintain a swift and fair Federal judicial presence in Northeast Wisconsin for the sake of all citizens; and

WHEREAS, when Congress appointed a Federal judgeship for Green Bay it did so without appropriating money for the construction of a new Federal courthouse at that time, despite the clear sense that such an appropriation would be forthcoming; and

WHEREAS, the temporary space currently rented by the Federal government for the purposes of conducting the business of the Federal court of the Eastern District of Wisconsin is significantly undersized and improperly laid-out, as well as lacking appropriate security measures due to its status as a public office building; and

WHEREAS, the purchase, renovation, and modest expansion of the existing Jefferson Court building would not only restore and protect the architectural and historic significance of the building itself and build off of the over \$1 million investment that has already been made to the building, but allow for co-location of the District Court with office space for other Federal agencies, such as the U.S. Attorney, DEA, ATF, and Social Security Administration as a cost effective way for meeting the needs of the court and providing cost savings to the Federal government as well; and

WHEREAS, such an investment would reap tremendous benefits within the local economy by providing jobs and economic development during construction, stabilization for the Green Bay's downtown and the surrounding area, and minimized disruptions to the proceedings of the U.S. Court of the Eastern District of Wisconsin;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Village Board of the Village of Howard, Wisconsin hereby requests that the Congress appropriate sufficient funds for the purchase, renovation, expansion, and operation of the Federal Courthouse at its current Jefferson Court site; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution is forwarded to the offices of Rep. Steve Kagen, Senator Russell Feingold and Senator Herb Kohl.

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