

**Resolution No. 2019-08
State of Wisconsin
County of Washington
Town of Farmington**

RESOLUTION TO PURSUE OF A JOINT LIBRARY WITH KEWASKUM LIBRARY

WHEREAS, the purpose of the public library system law is to make quality library resources and services readily available to all of the citizens of the State of Wisconsin and to promote the development and improvement of public libraries in order to encourage the most effective use of library resources in the state; and

WHEREAS, in 2020, Washington County is required to subsidize other counties' libraries in the amount of \$160,989 for unserved residents due to 2005 Act 420; and

WHEREAS, such subsidies result in many residents paying for out-of-county libraries they do not utilize while Washington County libraries' resources are cut; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 43 of the Wisconsin Statutes allows counties and municipalities to create joint libraries in an effort to serve the entire population; and

WHEREAS, joint libraries could reduce Washington County library levy dollars from leaving the county and improve services to Washington County residents; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town of Farmington Town Board that the Town of Farmington pursues a joint library with the Village of Kewaskum, Town of Kewaskum and Town of Wayne.

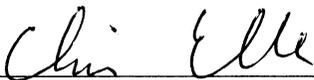
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town of Farmington Town Board seeks approval from the Washington County Board and Washington County Library Services Board to create a joint library.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Town of Farmington Town Board requests an opinion of the Department of Public Instruction on the feasibility and desirability of establishing the joint public library.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Washington County Clerk, each clerk of the proposed joint library and the Department of Public Instruction Division for Libraries and Technology.

Adopted this 10th day of September, 2019, by the Town Board.

Attested by:



Chris Elbe, Chairman



Chris Schellinger, Town Clerk