

1 **RESOLUTION # 4-2011**

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3 Resolution offered by the Law Enforcement & Judiciary Committee, the Board of Health and
4 the Social Services Committee.

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6 **Resolved by the Board of Supervisors of Oneida County, Wisconsin:**

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8 **WHEREAS**, synthetic cannabinoid, also know as K2, is an unregulated chemical
9 compound sold as incense of herbal smoking blends, and it mimics the effects of marijuana; and

10 **WHEREAS**, the chemical compounds in the synthetic cannabinoid present a public
11 health hazard in that its use has been linked to increased heart rate, blood pressure, vomiting,
12 tremors, seizures and extreme anxiety; and

13 **WHEREAS**, there is a growing concern regarding synthetic cannabinoid because it is
14 becoming popular with youth who can easily obtain the drug legally, along with others who are
15 required to take drug tests because the chemical compounds are not easily detected by the
16 tests; and

17 **WHEREAS**, Dr. Mark Kostic, associate director of the Wisconsin Poison Center states,
18 "Experts say K2 users risk exposing themselves to an unexpectedly high dose of the chemical
19 or another additive they weren't expecting due to the lack of regulation"; and

20 **WHEREAS**, a number of municipalities in Wisconsin have already banned the
21 substance, the sale, and possession of synthetic cannabinoid, including the cities of Milwaukee,
22 Eau Claire, Wausau and LaCrosse, while many other communities are considering action; and

23 **WHEREAS**, local regulatory initiatives could create islands of regulation across the
24 state; and

25 **WHEREAS**, a statewide approach to regulate the sale and possession of this substance,
26 which presents a public health risk, is the next logical step; and

27 **WHEREAS**, several states across the country have banned the sale and possession
28 synthetic cannabinoid, including Kansas, Kentucky, Alabama, Michigan, Missouri, and
29 Tennessee; and

30 **WHEREAS**, others states, such as Illinois, Louisiana, New Jersey and New York are
31 currently considering enacting state-wide bans of the sale and possession of synthetic
32 cannabinoids.

33 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the Oneida County Board of Supervisors
34 urges the Wisconsin State Legislature to adopt a law to ban the possession and sale of
35 synthetic cannabinoid to protect the public health and safety; and

36 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a copy of this resolution be sent to Governor Doyle,
37 the governor-elect, Senator Holperin, Representative Dan Meyer and Representative Tom
38 Tiffany.

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40 Vote Required: Majority = _____ 2/3 Majority = _____ 3/4 Majority = _____

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42 The County Board has the legal authority to adopt: Yes _____ No _____ as reviewed
43 by the Corporation Counsel, _____, Date:
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46 Approved by the Board of Health this 9th day of December, 2010.

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48 Offered and passage moved by: _____
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Approved by the Social Services Committee this 28th day of December, 2010.

Offered and passage moved by:

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Approved by the Law Enforcement and Judiciary Committee this 5th day of January, 2011.

Offered and passage moved by:

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_____ Ayes
_____ Nays
_____ Absent
_____ Abstain
_____ Adopted

by the County Board of Supervisors this _____ day _____, 2010.

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Mary Bartelt, County Clerk

Ted Cushing, County Board Chair