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WAUKESHA COUNTY ANNOUNCES 2010 EMPLOYEE FURLOUGH PROGRAM

County will implement two mandatory furlough days

WAUKESHA, Wis. – Waukesha County is preparing a mandatory, unpaid furlough program for 2010 aimed at alleviating shortfalls in the 2010 County budget. The County Board will review and vote on an ordinance regarding the program at their October County Board meeting.

The state of the current and forecasted economy necessitates the need for the program. Due to the current economic recession and the increasing demand for County services tied to rising unemployment, the furlough days are needed to balance the County budget without compromising service delivery.

“As we develop the final stages of the 2010 County Budget, it is clear that these furlough days are needed,” said Norm Cummings, Director of Administration. “This is the best way to meet our budget challenges while minimizing the impact on the high quality services provided to Waukesha County residents.”

In June, Waukesha County implemented a Voluntary Unpaid Leave Program to help manage the County’s 2009 budget. The program was highly successful and is projected to save the County almost \$80,000. Based on this experience, it was determined that a voluntary program by itself would not address our budget needs in 2010.

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