



# *Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors*

## *Supervisor Willie Johnson, Jr., District 13*

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### **SUPERVISOR WILLIE JOHNSON, JR. HONORED TO SERVE AS WCA PRESIDENT** **Johnson Will Be the First African American to Serve as President of State Counties Association**

Milwaukee County Supervisor Willie Johnson, Jr., said today he was honored to be elected president of the Wisconsin Counties Association, saying that he planned to use the position as a “bully pulpit for issues affecting the state’s counties.”

Johnson, who co-chairs the Milwaukee County Board’s Finance, Personnel and Audit Committee, is the first African American elected to the position in the organization’s history. He will serve a one year term beginning on September 17.

“Wisconsin’s counties are part of the bedrock of our government,” Johnson said. “Local government, especially counties, is the part of government closest to the people. The services counties provide affect the lives of every virtually person in Wisconsin, and it is truly an honor to be elected to lead an organization that speaks for counties.

“Milwaukee County is unique in Wisconsin as the most economically and ethnically diverse in the state. But I will use my position as president to forward those issues that will enhance all county governments statewide.”

The 76th Wisconsin Counties Association (WCA) Annual Conference begins on Sunday, September 14th and runs through Tuesday, September 16th in Sauk County. All conference meetings and activities are being held at the Kalahari Resort & Convention Center in Wisconsin Dells. Johnson will make his keynote address to the conference on September 16.

“I’m honored to have been elected to this position,” Johnson said. “To be recognized by my colleagues is truly a humbling distinction; it will be an effective bully pulpit to advance the agendas of counties across the state and help the thousands of people of Wisconsin whose lives are affected by local government.”

Johnson will be honored at the Milwaukee County Board’s regular meeting on September 25.

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