

Sen. Felzkowski: Upholds oath of office

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Madison, WI- On Tuesday afternoon, the Wisconsin State Senate voted on a resolution to overturn Executive Order #104, Governor Evers' fourth unlawful extension of his March 12, 2020 COVID-19 public emergency order. Senator Mary Felzkowski (R-Tomahawk) voted in favor of the resolution:

"Today I took a vote to strike down an illegal emergency order, but this was not a choice that I made today. The choice was made for me on January 4, 2021 when I signed my Oath of Office and swore to uphold the laws of the great state of Wisconsin."

Wisconsin law (*in [Chapter 323](#) of State Statutes*) states that the governor of Wisconsin may issue an emergency declaration through executive order for *only* 60 days. After that point he is required, by law, to work with the Legislature who may extend the declaration by passing a joint resolution.

"Our state has deep roots in civic engagement and a robust democratic process. Our laws intend for the Governor to work with the Legislative Branch to extend emergency orders because we are the ones that enable that democratic process to take place. Any mandate the Governor wishes to extend is owed the process of a public hearing, a chance for experts to testify, time for coalitions to amend and give feedback, and a vote by the 132 legislators that are chosen by the people of Wisconsin to be their voices. This is the law."

"This resolution will bring the power back to the people by reminding the Governor

that he needs to work with the Legislature moving forward and have faith in the democratic process instead of ruling by himself like an emperor and bypassing the people's house.”