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BAYFIELD COUNTY

Resolution

No. 2017-33

To Support Retention and Expansion of Wisconsin's Aging and Disability Resource Centers (ADRCs) Dementia Care Specialist (DCS) Program

WHEREAS, in Wisconsin, it is estimated that 115,000 individuals age 65 and older are living with some form of clinically diagnosable dementia; *and*

WHEREAS, that number is expected to grow to 240,000 by 2040; *and*

WHEREAS, it is estimated that there are currently approximately 391 individuals in Bayfield County living with some form of clinically diagnosable dementia, and the care and treatment of persons with dementia is now being described as a public health emergency; *and*

WHEREAS, Bayfield County has made a significant commitment to persons with dementia through the critical work of the ADRC"s Dementia Care Specialist Program and through its work with the Dementia Network; *and*

WHEREAS, the DCS Program strives to improve the quality of life for all those affected, including people living with memory loss and their caregivers, while helping individuals remain in the community and in their own homes, where they want to live; *and*

WHEREAS, each day that an individual can remain in the community and not in publicly funded institutional care facility, saves taxpayers an estimated $161 per day or $58,926 annually, making the DCS program a wise and sound investment of public dollars; *and*

WHEREAS, the ADRC of the North and the Bayfield County Local Branch Office have experienced a steady growth in contacts by customers, caregivers and professionals regarding individuals experiencing dementia; *and*

WHEREAS, the State of Wisconsin Department of Health Services proposed 2017 - 2019 budget does not include funding for the DCS positions, thereby jeopardizing this valuable service to the residents of Wisconsin;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Bayfield County Board of Supervisors assembled this 30th day of May 2017, does hereby recommend that the Bayfield County Board of Supervisors support ongoing funding for these critical services and request that the state add the DCS funding as an allocation to all ADRCs in the next proposed 2017 - 2019 biennial state budget and any state budget thereafter.

By Action of the
Bayfield County Board of Supervisors

Dennis M Pocernich

Dennis M. Pocernich, *Chairman*

STATE OF WISCONSIN)
) ss.
COUNTY OF BAYFIELD)

I, Scott S. Fibert, Bayfield County Clerk, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of Resolution No. 2017-33, Volume 25, adopted by the Bayfield County Board of Supervisors at their meeting held on the 30th day of May, 2017.

Scott S. Fibert

Scott S. Fibert, Bayfield County Clerk