STATE OF WISCONSIN  )
COUNTY OF DUNN  )
 ) SS.

I, Julie A. Wathke, County Clerk in and for the County of Dunn, State of Wisconsin, do hereby certify that the attached copy of Resolution No. 2018-100 is a true and correct copy of the original ordinance duly adopted by the Dunn County Board of Supervisors at a meeting held on November 14, 2018.

Given under my hand and seal in the City of Menomonie this 14th day of November, 2018.

[Signature]
Julie A. Wathke
Dunn County Clerk
DUNN COUNTY, WISCONSIN
RESOLUTION NO. 180

Requesting Increased Funding and Oversight Reforms for Wisconsin’s Child
Protective Services System

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Dunn County Board of Supervisors does
hereby request that the state of Wisconsin increase the Children and Family Aids Allocation to
counties in the 2019-21 state biennial budget by $30 million annually in order to cover a greater
share of out-of-home care costs and increase staffing levels based on the caseload standards
developed by the Wisconsin County Human Services Association (WCHSA) so Wisconsin’s
CPS system can meet its obligations; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Wisconsin Counties Association urges the state of
Wisconsin to close critical oversight gaps by creating legislative mechanisms to review the CPS
resource needs of all counties as part of the biennial budget process and ensure an appropriate
committee provide ongoing policy guidance to respond to emerging CPS trends and ongoing
system needs; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to Governor Scott
Walker, Department of Children and Families Secretary Eloise Anderson, Department of
Administration Secretary Ellen Nowak, area legislators, and the Wisconsin Counties
Association.

Offered this 13th day of November, 2018, at Menomonie, Wisconsin.

Adopted on: November 13, 2018

OFFERED BY THE HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE:

Mary Solberg, Chairperson

ATTEST:

Julie A. Wathke, County Clerk

Approved as to Form and Execution:

Nicholas P. Lange, Corporation Counsel

Budget Impact: Adoption of this resolution by the County Board of Supervisors has no impact
on the current year tax levy.

Background Information: The Wisconsin child welfare system is county-operated and state-
supervised, except Milwaukee County, where the system is administered by the Wisconsin
Department of Children and Families (DCF), Division of Milwaukee Child Protective Services
(DMCPs). DCF provides insufficient funding to counties for the provision of child abuse and
neglect services including prevention, investigation, treatment, and out-of-home placement costs,
though the state has primary responsibility for compliance with federal requirements and shares
liability for ensuring the system is meeting its obligations to children and families in all 72 counties. In recent years the state of Wisconsin added numerous mandates and practice expectations which increased county child protective services (CPS) workload and costs and the opioid and methamphetamine epidemics have brought Wisconsin’s child welfare system to a point of crisis, with increasing concern about the system’s ability to meet its obligations to children and families.

The capacity for counties to continue to bear the lion’s share of financial responsibility to address this crisis has been exhausted, as rising county contributions to the CPS system have far outpaced increases to the DCF Children and Family Aids allocation and counties have used reserve funding to cover CPS expenses and increase staffing and maintaining sufficient resources for Wisconsin’s child welfare system is critical to secure the safety and future of our most vulnerable children. Without a proportional increase in the DCF Children and Family Services allocation, the CPS system has been stressed for over a decade, causing caseloads for CPS workers to grow to unreasonable levels, contributing to high levels of staff turnover in some counties and an overrun of out-of-home care costs above what counties can sustain within available resources.

Wisconsin’s CPS system leaves significant gaps in state-level oversight for all counties except Milwaukee County, including the absence of caseload standards, no process for regular legislative evaluation and prioritization of CPS needs and the absence of a legislative committee that provides regular policy guidance concerning CPS system issues such as adequate funding, performance, cost sharing and long-term stability. Along with DMCPS, all eleven of Wisconsin’s peer states with county-administered CPS systems have either adopted caseload standards for CPS caseworkers, completed thorough workload studies as a basis of determining funding needs, or otherwise have made significant recommendations related to keeping CPS workloads manageable. The children within Wisconsin’s CPS system are too important to allow the current level of under resourcing, oversight gaps and, disparity of attention, while shifting the burden to property taxpayers.

In Dunn County, out of home placement costs for children are projected to increase 165% between 2017 and 2018.

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*projected based on costs through July
Child abuse and neglect reports received in Dunn County increased by 161% between 2014 and 2018 (Projected based on figures through August 2018).

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