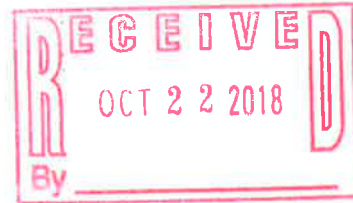


Juneau County Board of Supervisors

Courthouse, 220 East State Street
Mauston, Wisconsin 53948



RESOLUTION No. 18 - 65

DATE: October 16, 2018

INTRODUCED BY: Executive Committee

SYNOPSIS: Resolution in Support of Increased County Child Support Funding

WHEREAS, the Juneau County Child Support Agency administers the Child Support Enforcement Program on behalf of the state, providing services to Juneau County residents including paternity establishment, obtaining child support and health insurance orders for children, and enforcing and modifying those orders; and

WHEREAS, Our children's well-being, economic security and success in life are enhanced by parents who provide financial and emotional support; and

WHEREAS, Juneau County's Child Support Agency ensures that parents take responsibility for the care and well-being of their children, supports the involvement of parents in their children's lives and provides services to both custodial and noncustodial parents; and

WHEREAS, The Child Support Enforcement Program is an effective investment in Wisconsin's future as child support increases self-sufficiency, reduces child poverty, and has a positive effect on children's well-being; and

WHEREAS, Wisconsin's Child Support Enforcement Program is ranked 2nd in the nation for collecting current support; and

WHEREAS, Wisconsin's Child Support Enforcement Program is incredibly cost-effective, collecting an average of \$5.56 in support for every dollar invested in the program; and

WHEREAS, County child support agencies collected \$934 Million in child support during 2017, 95% of which went directly to families while 5% reimbursed public assistance programs; and

WHEREAS, Child support agencies help save taxpayer dollars by establishing health insurance orders for 97% of cases, which reduces state Medicaid costs by moving children from public assistance to private insurance; and

WHEREAS, State funding for county child support services has not increased above the 2007 funding level while county agency costs have steadily increased due to growing caseloads, inflation and new federal regulations; and

WHEREAS, Wisconsin's strong performance in child support is at risk without additional state funding. Diminished performance would result in reduced federal funding to Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS, Decreased federal funding would lead to less funding for JUNEAU COUNTY's child support agency. This could lead to reductions in child support enforcement staff and services and reduced child support collections; and

WHEREAS, New state investments in child support are amplified by a generous federal match. Every \$1 of state GPR invested in the Child Support Program generates \$2 in federal matching funds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Juneau County Board of Supervisors shall and hereby does respectfully request that state funding for county child support agencies be increased by \$1.5 million GPR in each fiscal year of the 2019-21 Wisconsin state budget, which will generate approximately

\$3 million in additional federal funding each year and will ensure that counties can continue to effectively provide economic support to our children; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution shall be forwarded by the County Clerk to the Governor of the State of Wisconsin, State Senators and State Representatives representing Juneau County, the Secretary of the Wisconsin Department of Administration, and the Wisconsin Counties Association for consideration.

INTRODUCED AND RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION ON OCTOBER 16, 2018.

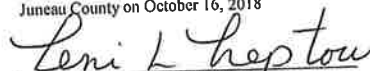
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Adopted by the County Board of Supervisors of
Juneau County on October 16, 2018


Terri L. Treptow, Juneau County Clerk