



RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF INCREASED COUNTY CHILD SUPPORT FUNDING

Background: Sauk County administers the Child Support Enforcement Program on behalf of the state, providing services to Sauk County residents including paternity establishment, obtaining child support and health insurance orders for children, and enforcing and modifying those orders. It is understood that parents who provide financial and emotional support to their children enhance their children's well-being, economic security, and success. Sauk 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. The Child Support Enforcement Program of Wisconsin 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. Wisconsin's Child Support Enforcement Program is ranked second in the nation for collecting current support and is incredibly cost-effective, collecting an average of \$5.56 in support for every dollar invested in the program. County child support agencies in Wisconsin collected \$934 million in child support during 2017, 95% of which went directly to families, while 5% reimbursed public assistance programs. Wisconsin's 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. Unfortunately, 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. Wisconsin's strong performance in child support is at risk without additional state funding. A diminished performance by county child support agencies would result in reduced federal funding to Wisconsin and decreased federal funding would lead to less funding for Sauk County's child support agency. This could lead to reductions in child support staff, child support services, and reduced child support collections. Any new state investments in child support are amplified by a generous federal match, as every \$1 of state GPR invested in the Child Support Program generates \$2 in federal matching funds.

Fiscal Note: Not Required Budget Expenditure Not Budgeted
Comments:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sauk County Board of Supervisors, met in regular session, hereby respectfully requests 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. This investment 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 be forwarded by the County Clerk to the Governor of the State of Wisconsin, State Senators and State Representatives representing Sauk County, the Secretary of the Wisconsin Department of Administration, and the Wisconsin Counties Association for consideration.

For consideration by the Sauk County Board of Supervisors on October 16, 2018.

Respectfully submitted:

LAW ENFORCEMENT & JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

David A. Riek, Chairperson

William F. Wenzel

Thomas Kriegl

John S. Dietz

Tim Reppen

Fiscal Note: No impact. *VRB*
MIS Note: No information systems impact.

STATE OF WISCONSIN)
COUNTY OF SAUK) S.S.
I hereby certify that this resolution/ordinance is a true & correct copy as passed by the Sauk County Board of Supervisors.

Rebecca C. Evert
(Seal) Rebecca C. Evert, Sauk County Clerk



passed

VOTE: 153-2018
DATE: 2018/10/16
TIME: 20:30:28

MOTION: Resolution In Support Of Increased County Child Support Funding.

PROPOSED: Wenzel
SECONDED: Riek

VOTE TOTALS:

YES : 28
ABSENT : ~~0~~ 3
NO : 0
TOTAL : ~~28~~ 31

THE INDIVIDUAL RESULTS WERE AS FOLLOWS
MIC CARD DELEGATE INFORMATION VOTE

| MIC | CARD | DELEGATE INFORMATION | VOTE |
|-----|------|---------------------------|--------|
| 1 | 1 | Mr Wally Czuprynko | YES |
| 2 | 2 | Mr Thomas Kriegl | YES |
| 3 | 3 | Mr Charles A. Whitsell | YES |
| 4 | 4 | Ms Patricia A. Rego | YES |
| 5 | 5 | Mr Bob Newport | YES |
| 6 | 6 | Mr John Dietz | YES |
| 7 | 7 | Mr Craig Braunschweig | YES |
| 8 | 8 | Mr John M. Deitrich | YES |
| 9 | 9 | Mr Tommy Lee Bychinski | YES |
| 10 | 10 | Mr Marty Krueger | YES |
| 11 | 11 | Dr Glen T. Johnson | YES |
| 12 | 12 | Mr David J. Moore | ABSENT |
| 13 | 13 | Ms Kristin K. White Eagle | YES |
| 14 | 14 | Mr Shane P. Gibson | ABSENT |
| 16 | 16 | Mr John Miller | YES |
| 17 | 17 | Mr Tim Reppen | YES |
| 18 | 18 | Mr Scott Von Asten | YES |
| 19 | 19 | Mr Bryant Hazard | YES |
| 20 | 20 | Mr Timothy B. McCumber | YES |
| 21 | 21 | Mr Chuck Spencer | YES |
| 22 | 22 | Ms Jean E. Berlin | YES |
| 23 | 23 | Mr Kevin Lins | YES |
| 24 | 24 | Mr David A. Riek | YES |
| 25 | 25 | Mr Brian L. Peper | YES |
| 26 | 26 | Mr Brandon Lohr | YES |
| 27 | 27 | Mr Carl Gruber | YES |
| 29 | 29 | Mr William F. Wenzel | YES |
| 30 | 30 | Ms Donna Stehling | YES |
| 31 | 31 | Ms Valerie McAuliffe | YES |
| 32 | 21 | Mr William Hambrecht | ABSENT |
| CH0 | 22 | Mr Peter Vedro | YES |