

Resolution Number: 2018-12-04


RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF INCREASED COUNTY CHILD SUPPORT FUNDING

Motion to Adopt By: Jeanne Nutter				
Seconded By: Ron Johnson				
Dist.	Supervisor	Y	N	A
1	Frey	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2	Winters	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3	S. Miller	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4	Sacia	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5	Schultz	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6	Brandt	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7	Killian	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8	Tollefson	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9	Haines	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
10	Aasen	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
11	Walek	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
12	Zeglin	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
13	Fimreite	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
14	Nelson	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
15	Nutter	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
16	Skoyen	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
17	Johnson	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	TOTALS	___	___	___

First Reading: 12/17/2018
 Vote Required: Voice Vote
 Adopted
 Defeated

STATE OF WISCONSIN)
)s.s.
 CO. OF TREMPEALEAU)

I hereby certify that this resolution /ordinance is a true and correct copy of a resolution/ordinance adopted by the Trempealeau County Board of Supervisors on: 12/17/2018


 Paul L. Syverson, County Clerk

WHEREAS, Trempealeau County administers the Child Support Enforcement Program on behalf of the state, providing services to Trempealeau 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, Trempealeau 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, 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, County 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 Trempealeau County's child support agency. This could lead to reductions in 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, BE IT RESOLVED that the Trempealeau County Board of Supervisors 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.

IT IS 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 Trempealeau County, the Secretary of the Wisconsin Department of Administration, and the Wisconsin Counties Association for consideration

Introduced by: LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE

Ronald Johnson

John Aasen

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Timothy Zeglin

Richard Frey

Committee Approval Date: November 1, 2018

Committee Vote: 5 - 0

Resolution Drafted by: Renee Lyon

Reviewed by Corporation Counsel: Rick Niemeier

Fiscal Impact: (Fiscal Statement – as set forth in Project Initiation form) Not applicable