RESOLUTION NO. 27-08-19
RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE WISCONSIN LEGISLATURE END THE USE OF PERSONAL CONVICTION WAIVERS FOR SCHOOL AND DAY CARE CENTER IMMUNIZATIONS

WHEREAS, vaccine-preventable diseases, such as measles, are very contagious and can result in serious health complications, including pneumonia and encephalitis, and lead to death; and

WHEREAS, outbreaks of measles have impacted multiple states in 2019, and a measles exposure occurred in Wisconsin in 2018; and

WHEREAS, the effectiveness and safety of vaccines have been well established; and

WHEREAS, the Affordable Care Act has improved insurance coverage for vaccinations, which are readily available in medical offices and pharmacies, and public health departments continue to serve those eligible for the Vaccines for Children Program; and

WHEREAS, Wisconsin’s immunization lawWis. Stat. § 252.04(3), Wis. Admin. Code § DHS 144.06, permits parents to opt out or waive some or all of the vaccinations required to attend school or group day care based on their personal beliefs; and

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin Public Health Association supports a change in school and day care center immunization law that eliminates personal conviction waivers for students in Wisconsin public and private schools and for children who attend group day cares.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Waushara County Board of Supervisors respectfully requests that the Wisconsin Legislature end the use of personal conviction waivers for school and day care center immunizations.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the governor of Wisconsin, Wisconsin state legislators and the Wisconsin Counties Association.

FISCAL NOTE: This resolution does not require an appropriation from the County General Fund. It is advisory in nature.

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Ayes____ Nays____ Abstain____ Absent_____ Voice Vote ✓

✓  Approved and adopted this 20th day of August, 2019.

☐  Denied this 20th day of August, 2019.

Approved as to Form:

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