RESOLUTION NO. 2016-030
CREATION OF CRIME VICTIM/WITNESS PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin Constitution, Article I, Section 9m and Chapter 950 of the Wisconsin Statutes sets forth the basic bill of rights for crime victims and witnesses; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 950 of the Wisconsin Statutes encourages counties to provide victim/witness services pursuant to section 950.06, Stats., authorizes the county to undertake a victim/witness program; and

WHEREAS, PURSUANT TO Section 950.06, Stats., the Wisconsin Department of Justice will reimburse Sawyer County 50% - 60% of the costs incurred in providing victim witness services; and

WHEREAS, the Sawyer County District Attorney's Office has proposed to provide the victim/witness services through the addition of a crime victim/witness program; and

WHEREAS, the cost to Sawyer County for a half-time program (50% victim/witness coordinator and 50% legal secretary) should be no more than $35,000 in 2016 and $36,441 in 2017, reassigning an existing staff person.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that pursuant to Chapter 950 of the Wisconsin Statutes, the Sawyer County Board of Supervisors creates a crime victim/witness program under the Sawyer County District Attorney and authorizes the half-time position of victim/witness coordinator.

FISCAL IMPACT: Approximately $17,500 State Reimbursed Funds Annually

Recommended for adoption by the Sawyer County Public Safety Committee this 6th day of September, 2016.

Bill Voight, Chairman

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