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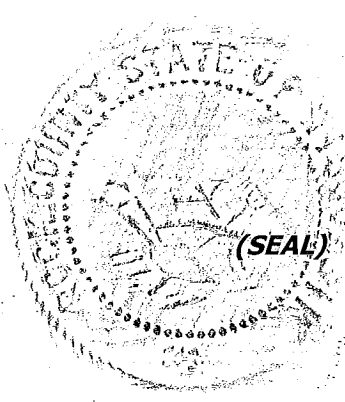
STATE OF WISCONSIN)
) SS
COUNTY OF ROCK)

This is to certify that this Resolution (Resolution No. 18-9A-082) is a true and correct copy of the original as passed by the Rock County Board of Supervisors at a meeting of said Board held in the Rock County Courthouse, Janesville, Wisconsin, on Thursday, September 13, 2018.

Given under my hand and Official Seal of the County of Rock, State of Wisconsin, this 17th day of September, 2018.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lisa Tollefson", is written over a horizontal line.

Lisa Tollefson
Rock County Clerk



**RESOLUTION
ROCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

Supervisor Vicki L. Brown
INITIATED BY



Justice Overcoming Borders
DRAFTED BY

Supervisor Vicki L. Brown
SUBMITTED BY

August 7, 2018
DATE DRAFTED

**IN SUPPORT OF INCREASING STATE FUNDING FOR AND EXPANDING
ACCESS TO THE TREATMENT ALTERNATIVES AND DIVERSION (TAD)
GRANT PROGRAM**

1 **WHEREAS**, Wisconsin's state prisons are overcrowded, understaffed and, in some cases, very near
2 the end of their physical viability, and
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4 **WHEREAS**, new OWI laws, the heroin epidemic, and the continuing crisis of methamphetamine
5 addiction are threatening to further increase the population of our prisons, and
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7 **WHEREAS**, Wisconsin has many proven, evidence-based, cost-effective alternatives to incarceration.
8 Drug Treatment Courts, Veteran's Courts, Family Courts, OWI Courts, and other interventions have
9 all proven to be more effective than incarceration for reducing recidivism, and
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11 **WHEREAS**, legislatively-mandated evaluations of the programs funded by the Treatment Alternatives
12 and Diversions (TAD) fund show that they save taxpayers almost \$2 for every \$1 the state has
13 invested, and
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15 **WHEREAS**, Rock County has a Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (CJCC) which advises an
16 Adult Drug Court and an OWI Court. Additionally, we have a Veterans' Treatment Court and a
17 Deferred Prosecution Program. All of these interventions have averted thousands of jail-bed days and
18 improved public health and safety by addressing criminogenic risks and needs.
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20 **WHEREAS**, Rock County and all local units of government in Wisconsin are statutorily restricted in
21 their ability to raise revenue to fund local initiatives such as those described above.
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23 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly
24 assembled this 13th day of September, 2018, does hereby urge the Governor and State
25 Legislature to enhance public safety and reduce unnecessary Corrections related expenditures by:
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- 27 1. Increasing funding for the Treatment Alternatives and Diversion (TAD) Grant Program
28 by \$15 million annually;
- 29 2. Changing the TAD statute so that people who were once convicted of a violent crime can
30 be eligible if the new crime is non-violent in nature;
- 31 3. Focusing the growth in TAD in four main areas:
32 a. Expansion of all forms of treatment courts;
- 33 b. Expansion of programs that address substance abuse treatment for those in the criminal
34 justice system;
- 35 c. Expansion of funding for treatment alternatives that are targeted to the communities
36 that have the state's highest incarceration rates.
- 37 d. Provide adequate administrative support at the Wisconsin Department of Justice to
38 administer TAD funded programs;

39 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the County Clerk be authorized and directed to send a copy of
40 this resolution to Governor Walker, the Wisconsin Counties Association and the Rock County
41 Legislative Delegation.

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Respectfully submitted:

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FISCAL NOTE:

This resolution addresses State policy and budgeting issues and has no direct fiscal impact on Rock County operations in and by itself.

Sherry Oja

Sherry Oja
Finance Director

LEGAL NOTE:

Advisory only.

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Richard Greenlee
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ADMINISTRATIVE NOTE:

Matter of policy.

Josh Smith

Josh Smith
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