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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.

Lisa Tollefson
Rock County Clerk
RESOLUTION
ROCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Supervisor Vicki L. Brown
INITIATED BY

Supervisor Vicki L. Brown
SUBMITTED BY

Justice Overcoming Borders
DRAFTED 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

WHEREAS, Wisconsin’s state prisons are overcrowded, understaffed and, in some cases, very near the end of their physical viability, and

WHEREAS, new OWI laws, the heroin epidemic, and the continuing crisis of methamphetamine addiction are threatening to further increase the population of our prisons, and

WHEREAS, Wisconsin has many proven, evidence-based, cost-effective alternatives to incarceration. Drug Treatment Courts, Veteran’s Courts, Family Courts, OWI Courts, and other interventions have all proven to be more effective than incarceration for reducing recidivism, and

WHEREAS, legislatively-mandated evaluations of the programs funded by the Treatment Alternatives and Diversions (TAD) fund show that they save taxpayers almost $2 for every $1 the state has invested, and

WHEREAS, Rock County has a Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (CJCC) which advises an Adult Drug Court and an OWI Court. Additionally, we have a Veterans’ Treatment Court and a Deferred Prosecution Program. All of these interventions have averted thousands of jail-bed days and improved public health and safety by addressing criminogenic risks and needs.

WHEREAS, Rock County and all local units of government in Wisconsin are statutorily restricted in their ability to raise revenue to fund local initiatives such as those described above.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled this 21st day of September, 2018, does hereby urge the Governor and State Legislature to enhance public safety and reduce unnecessary Corrections related expenditures by:

1. Increasing funding for the Treatment Alternatives and Diversion (TAD) Grant Program by $15 million annually;
2. Changing the TAD statute so that people who were once convicted of a violent crime can be eligible if the new crime is non-violent in nature;
3. Focusing the growth in TAD in four main areas:
   a. Expansion of all forms of treatment courts;
   b. Expansion of programs that address substance abuse treatment for those in the criminal justice system;
   c. Expansion of funding for treatment alternatives that are targeted to the communities that have the state’s highest incarceration rates.
   d. Provide adequate administrative support at the Wisconsin Department of Justice to administer TAD funded programs;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Clerk be authorized and directed to send a copy of this resolution to Governor Walker, the Wisconsin Counties Association and the Rock County 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
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LEGAL NOTE:

Advisory only.

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ADMINISTRATIVE NOTE:

Matter of policy.

Josh Smith
County Administrator