



RESOLUTION NO. 21-10-2016

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF INCREASED FUNDING IN THE CHILDREN AND FAMILY AIDS ALLOCATION

TO THE HONORABLE KEWAUNEE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

1 **WHEREAS**, the Department of Children and Families provides funding to counties through the
2 Children and Family Aids allocation for the provision of child abuse and neglect services,
3 including prevention, investigation, treatment, and out-of-home placement costs; and
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5 **WHEREAS**, base funding for child welfare services has not increased since the Department of
6 Children and Families was created in 2009; and
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8 **WHEREAS**, over the past few years, the child welfare workload has increased in all counties
9 across the state; and
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11 **WHEREAS**, the number of child protective services (CPS) referrals has increased by 30 percent
12 since 2007 – from 55,895 referrals in 2007 to 72,698 in 2014; and
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14 **WHEREAS**, the number of children in out-of-home care has increased from 7,653 in 2011 to
15 8,258 in 2015; and
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17 **WHEREAS**, the number of screened-in CPS reports has increased from 18,706 in 2011 to
18 20,384 in 2015; and
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20 **WHEREAS**, the number of Children in Need of Protection and Services (CHIPS) petitions filed
21 with the court has increased 12.5 percent from 2008 to 2015; and
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23 **WHEREAS**, counties are struggling to recruit and retain child welfare workers; and
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25 **WHEREAS**, the stress of increasing caseloads is taking its toll on CPS workers, causing many
26 experienced child welfare workers to leave the profession; and
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28 **WHEREAS**, the leading cause of these increases is the use of heroin, opiates, and
29 methamphetamines; and
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31 **WHEREAS**, it is critical that counties have the resources necessary to ensure the safety of
32 children in every corner of the state; and
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1 **WHEREAS**, counties are struggling to identify resources to increase child welfare staff,
 2 especially given the significant overmatch counties already put in the human services system.
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 4 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Kewaunee County Board of Supervisors duly
 5 assembled this 18th day of October 2016, that Board does hereby requests that the State of
 6 Wisconsin, in its 2017-19 state biennial budget, increase funding to counties in the Children and
 7 Family Aids Allocation to assist counties in serving the increasing number of children and
 8 families in the child welfare system; and
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 10 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Clerk send a copy of this resolution to Governor Scott
 11 Walker, Department of Children and Families Secretary Eloise Anderson, Department of
 12 Administration Secretary Scott Neitzel, area legislators, and the Wisconsin Counties
 13 Association.

Respectfully Submitted,

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	Y E S	N O	A B S E N T	A B S T A I N
Benes, P	✓			
Cravillion, D.	✓			
Dobbins, M.	✓			
Doell, D.	✓			
Haske, V.	✓			
Jahnke, S.	✓			
Kirchman, L.	✓			
Luft, L.	✓			
Mastalir, J.	✓			
Paape, G.	✓			
Pagel, J.	✓			
Paider, R.	✓			
Rasmussen, C.	✓			
Romdenne, T.	✓			
Shillin, K.	✓			
Sinkula, L.	✓			
Teske, L.	✓			
Thomas, D.	✓			
Wagner, C.	✓			
Weidner, R.	✓			
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