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RESOLUTION NO. 67

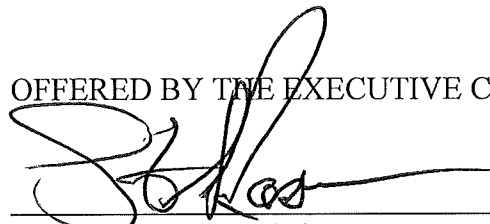
**Urging the Wisconsin Legislature and Governor to Enact
Legislation to Increase Medicaid Reimbursement Rates**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Dunn County Board of Supervisors urges Governor Scott Walker and the Wisconsin Legislature to provide sufficient Medicaid funding for nursing facilities in the 2017-19 state budget to address the "Medicaid deficit" currently facing Wisconsin nursing facilities and provide facilities with the financial wherewithal to compete for caregiving staff and ensure quality care for the Medicaid recipients residing in the state's nursing facilities.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be forwarded by the County Clerk to Wisconsin Counties Association, Wisconsin Towns Association, League of Wisconsin Municipalities, Wisconsin Alliance of Cities, Dunn County State Representatives and State Senators, Joint Committee on Finance and Governor Scott Walker.

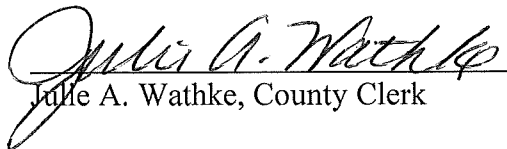
Offered this 27th day of July, 2016, at Menomonie, Wisconsin.

OFFERED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

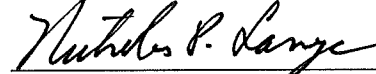

Steve Rasmussen, Chair

Adopted on: July 27, 2016

ATTEST:


Julie A. Wathke, County Clerk

Approved as to Form and Execution:


Nicholas P. Lange, Corporation Counsel

Budget Impact: Adoption of this Resolution will not result in any change in the 2016 budget.

Background Information: Approximately 65% of nursing home residents in Wisconsin are Medicaid recipients. There is a "Medicaid deficit" of \$331.8 million, which is the shortfall between the costs Wisconsin nursing facilities incur to provide services and supports to their Medicaid residents and the Medicaid reimbursement they receive for providing those services. The average Wisconsin nursing facility loses \$55.89 each day for each of the over 16,490 Medicaid recipients residing in the state's nursing facilities and faces an annual "Medicaid deficit" of slightly more than \$1.1 million. The "Medicaid deficit" for The Neighbors of Dunn County is just over \$1.4 million.

Wisconsin nursing and assisted living facilities currently are in the throes of a workforce shortage crisis, with one out seven caregiver positions currently vacant. There is a direct correlation between staffing and quality of care. High reliance on Medicaid funding, which is insufficient to meet the actual costs of services, and the strict limitations on increasing local tax revenues, makes it tremendously difficult for nursing facilities to compete in a tight labor market.