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CERTIFICATION OF RESOLUTION

I, Susan T. Ertmer, Winnebago County Clerk, certify that the attached is a true and correct copy of Resolution No. 052-92016, "Support Increased Funding in the Children and Family Aids Allocation" which was passed by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors on September 20, 2016.

Signed and dated this 30th day of September 2016.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Susan T. Ertmer", written over a horizontal line.

Susan T. Ertmer
Winnebago County Clerk

2 **RESOLUTION: Support Increased Funding in the Children and Family Aids Allocation**
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5 **TO THE WINNEBAGO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:**

6 **WHEREAS**, the State of Wisconsin Department of Children and Families provides funding to counties
7 through the Children and Family Aids allocation for the provision of child abuse and neglect services, including
8 prevention, investigation, treatment, and out-of-home placement costs; and

9 **WHEREAS**, base funding for child welfare services has not increased since 2009 when the Department of
10 Children and Families was created; and

11 **WHEREAS**, over the past few years, the child welfare workload has increased in all counties across the
12 State of Wisconsin; and

13 **WHEREAS**, since 2007, the number of child protective services (CPS) referrals has increased by 30%: from
14 55,895 in 2007 to 72,698 in 2014; and

15 **WHEREAS**, the number of children in out-of-home care has increased from 7,653 in 2011 to 8,258 in 2015;
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17 **WHEREAS**, the number of screened-in CPS reports has increased from 18,706 in 2011 to 20,384 in 2015; and

18 **WHEREAS**, between 2008 and 2015 the number of Children in Need of Protection or Services (CHIPS)
19 petitions filed with the court has increased 12.5%; and

20 **WHEREAS**, counties are struggling to recruit and retain child welfare workers; and

21 **WHEREAS**, the stress of increasing caseloads is taking its toll on CPS workers causing many experienced
22 child welfare workers to leave the profession; and

23 **WHEREAS**, the leading cause of these increases is the use of heroin, opiates, and methamphetamines; and

24 **WHEREAS**, it is critical that counties have the resources necessary to ensure the safety of children in every
25 corner of the state; and

26 **WHEREAS**, counties are struggling to identify resources to increase child welfare staff, especially given the
27 significant overmatch counties already put in the human services system.

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29 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that it hereby
30 requests that the State of Wisconsin, in its 2017-2019 State Biennial Budget, increase funding to counties in the
31 Children and Family Aids Allocation to assist counties in serving the increasing number of children and families in the
32 child welfare system.

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34 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that a copy of this resolution
35 be forwarded to Governor Scott Walker, Department of Children and Families Secretary Eloise Anderson,
36 Department of Administration Secretary Scott Neitzel, area legislators, and the Wisconsin Counties Association.

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38 Respectfully submitted by:
39 **HUMAN SERVICES BOARD**

40 Committee Vote: **8-0**
41 Vote Required for Passage: **3/4's of Membership**

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Approved by the Winnebago County Executive this 28th day of September, 2016.

Mark L. Harris

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Winnebago County Executive