WHEREAS, St. Croix County administers the Child Support Enforcement Program on behalf of the state, providing services to St. Croix County residents including paternity establishment, obtaining child support and health insurance orders for children, and enforcing and modifying those orders; and

WHEREAS, our children’s well-being, economic security and success in life are enhanced by parents who provide financial and emotional support; and

WHEREAS, the St. Croix County’s Child Support Agency ensures that parents take responsibility for the care and well-being of their children, supports the involvement of parents in their children’s lives and provides services to both custodial and noncustodial parents; and

WHEREAS, the Child Support Enforcement Program is an effective investment in Wisconsin’s future as child support increases self-sufficiency, reduces child poverty, and has a positive effect on children’s well-being; and

WHEREAS, Wisconsin’s Child Support Enforcement Program is ranked 2nd in the nation for collecting current support; and

WHEREAS, Wisconsin’s Child Support Enforcement Program is incredibly cost-effective, collecting an average of $5.56 in support for every dollar invested in the program; and

WHEREAS, county child support agencies collected $934 Million in child support during 2017, 95% of which went directly to families while 5% reimbursed public assistance programs; and

WHEREAS, county child support agencies help save taxpayer dollars by establishing health insurance orders for 97% of cases, which reduces state Medicaid costs by moving children from public assistance to private insurance; and

WHEREAS, state funding for county child support services has not increased above the 2007 funding level while county agency costs have steadily increased due to growing caseloads, inflation and new federal regulations; and

WHEREAS, Wisconsin’s strong performance in child support is at risk without additional state funding. Diminished performance would result in reduced federal funding to Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS, decreased federal funding would lead to less funding for St. Croix County’s child support agency. This could lead to reductions in child support enforcement staff and services and reduced child support collections; and

WHEREAS, new state investments in child support are amplified by a generous federal match. Every $1 of state GPR invested in the Child Support Program generates $2 in federal matching funds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the St. Croix County Board of Supervisors respectfully requests that state funding increase for county child support agencies by $1.5 million GPR in each fiscal year of the 2019-21 Wisconsin state budget, which will generate approximately $3 million in additional federal funding each year. This investment will ensure that counties can continue to effectively provide economic support to our children.
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be forwarded by the County Clerk to the Governor of the State of Wisconsin, State Senators and State Representatives representing St. Croix County, the Secretary of the Wisconsin Department of Administration, and the Wisconsin Counties Association for consideration.

Legal – Fiscal – Administrative Approvals:

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Scott L. Cox, Corporation Counsel 9/28/2018

Ken Wilk, Interim-Finance Director 9/28/2018

Patrick Thompson, County Administrator 9/28/2018

10/05/18 Public Protection & Judiciary Committee RECOMMENDED

RESULT: RECOMMENDED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Roger Larson, Supervisor
SECONDER: Bob Feidler, Vice-Chair
AYES: Andy Brinkman, Roger Larson, Lynda Miller, Bob Feidler
ABSENT: Scott Nordstrand

Vote Confirmation.
**St. Croix County Board of Supervisors Action:**
Roll Call - Vote Requirement – Majority of Supervisors Present

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This Resolution was Adopted by the St. Croix County Board of Supervisors on November 6, 2018

Cindy Campbell, County Clerk
Wisconsin Child Support: Supporting Independence

Collections

$934 million in child support collected by Wisconsin Child Support Agencies in 2017

Wisconsin collects 74.6% of current support
Ranked 2nd in the nation

95% went to Wisconsin families

Caseload

361,221 Wisconsin children served in 2017

Established paternity for 24,893 children in 2017

Wisconsin families eligible for child support

70% of poor Wisconsin children live with a single parent.

Child support represents 40% of family income for poor custodial families that receive it

Establishing Health Insurance Orders

Court Orders for Health Insurance established in 97% of cases

38,666 BadgerCare Eligible Children Enrolled in Private Insurance in 2016 for an estimated state savings of $28.5 million GPR

Cost Effectiveness

One of the most cost-effective government programs

For every $1.00 spent...

...Wisconsin’s child support program collected $5.56 in 2017