

RESOLUTION NUMBER 31 - 2016

RELATING TO SUPPORT OF INCREASED FUNDING IN THE CHILDREN AND FAMILY AIDS ALLOCATION

The County Board of Supervisors of Green Lake County, Green Lake, Wisconsin, duly assembled at its regular meeting begun on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2016 does resolve as follows:

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

**WHEREAS** base funding for child welfare services has not increased since the Department of Children and Families was created in 2009; and **WHEREAS**, emerging and existing communicable diseases threaten health security, economies, and quality of life for all, and;

**WHEREAS**, over the past few years, the child welfare workload has increased in all counties across the state; and

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

**WHEREAS**, the number of children in out-of-home care has increased from 7,653 in 2011 to 8,258 in 2015; and

**WHEREAS**, the number of screened-in CPS reports has increased from 18,706 in 2011 to 20,384 in 2015; and

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Roll Call on Resolution No. 31 - 16 Submitted by Health & Human Services Board

With the recommendation to Approve / Disapprove

Aye 8, Nay 0, Absent 1, Abstain 0.


Passed and Adopted / Rejected this  
18<sup>th</sup> day of October 2016

  
County Board Chairman

  
ATTEST County Clerk  
Approved as to Form


  
Corporation Counsel

Nick Toney, Vice Chairman

  
Brian Floeter, Member

  
Joe Gonyo, Chairman

John Gende, Member

  
Joy Waterbury, Member

Nancy Hoffman, Member

  
Richard Trochinski, Member

  
Harley Reabe, Member

Vacant, Member

**WHEREAS**, the number of Children in Need of Protection and Services (CHIPS) petitions filed with the court has increased 12.5 percent from 2008 to 2015; and

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

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

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

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

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

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Green Lake County Board of Supervisors does hereby request that the state of Wisconsin, ~~in~~ its 2017-19 state biennial budget, increase funding to counties in the Children and Family Aids allocation to assist counties in serving the increasing number of children and families in the child welfare system; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that once passed, the County Clerk is directed to forward a copy of this resolution to ( Governor Scott Walker, Department of Children and Families Secretary Eloise Anderson, Department of Administration Secretary Scott Neitzel, area legislators, and the Wisconsin Counties Association.