To the Honorable members of the Burnett County Board of Supervisors;

WHEREAS, Governor Evers’ 2019-2021 Executive Budget recommends the use of available federal funding for Medicaid expansion; and

WHEREAS, Medicaid eligibility would expand from the current 100% of the federal poverty level (approximately $12,000 annual income for a household of one per federal poverty guidelines effective February 1, 2019) to 138% of the federal poverty level (approximately $17,000 annual income for a household of one per federal poverty guidelines effective February 1, 2019); and

WHEREAS, from 2014 through 2016, states were reimbursed for 100% of the cost of covering newly-eligible groups, with a declining federal share in subsequent years until reaching 90% in 2020 and thereafter; and

WHEREAS, the standard federal medical assistance percentage for Wisconsin is currently approximately 59%; and

WHEREAS, Medicaid expansion will allow the state to draw down new federal funds resulting in $324.5 million in state general purpose revenue savings; and

WHEREAS, the Governor’s Administration estimates that expansion will enable approximately 82,000 additional individuals to access affordable health insurance coverage, of which an estimated 320 are Burnett County residents; and

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin Department of Health Services provided a summary of $6 million of Medicaid expansion benefits specific to Burnett County with no negative fiscal impact to Burnett County, which is attached to this resolution.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT the Burnett County Board of Supervisors does support Medicaid expansion as proposed in Governor Evers’ 2019-2021 Executive Budget; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, THAT the Burnett County Board of Supervisors directs the County Clerk to forward a copy of this resolution to the office of the Wisconsin Governor, the office of Wisconsin Department of Health Secretary, Burnett County Legislators and Wisconsin Counties Association.

Respectfully submitted and recommended for adoption by the Health and Community Services Committee.
Signed and dated this 9th day of July, 2019.

Christopher Sybers, Chair
Bert Lund, Jr., Vice-Chair
Brent Blomberg, Secretary
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I, Wanda Hinrichs, the duly elected and qualified County Clerk in and for Burnett County, do hereby certify that the attached Resolution 2019-21, "Medicaid Expansion" was adopted by the Burnett County Board of Supervisors at a legally assembled meeting at which a quorum was present and acted throughout. The date of passage was July 18, 2019.

Wanda Hinrichs,  
Burnett County Clerk