RESOLUTION NO. 1-19

SYNOPSIS: Advisory Resolution Supporting the Improvement of Instructional Programs for Nurse Aides

INTRODUCED BY: Columbia Health Care Center Committee

To the Honorable Board of Supervisors of Columbia County:

WHEREAS, 2017 Assembly Bill 432 passed the Wisconsin State Assembly with bipartisan support, but failed to pass the State Senate; and

WHEREAS, Wisconsin’s classroom hours prerequisite is in excess of the federally mandated 75 hours required under 42 CFR 483.152 (a) for nursing aide training; and

WHEREAS, in recent years, recruitment challenges for nursing aides, in particular Certified Nursing Assistants (C.N.A.s), has resulted in staffing shortages at Columbia Health Care Center, which has about eleven nursing aide vacancies; and

WHEREAS, the State has implemented Fast Forward and other grants in an attempt to spur the number of people entering nursing aide training programs; and

WHEREAS, future registered nurses are required to obtain a Certified Nursing Assistant (C.N.A.) certificate, yet are not required to work in the role more than 8 hours per year to keep their certification; and

WHEREAS, Wisconsin Congressman Sean Duffy recently introduced the "Nursing Home Workforce Quality Act," which, among other reforms, would limit lockouts of nursing home directed C.N.A. training courses:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Columbia County Board of Supervisors requests the State of Wisconsin adopt the federal requirement that a nurse aide training and competency evaluation program consist of no less than seventy-five (75) clock hours of training.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Columbia County Board of Supervisors supports the intent of the Nursing Home Workforce Quality Act and requests the State of Wisconsin do the same.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Columbia County Board directs a copy of this resolution to be sent to the Office of the Governor, the Secretary of the Department of Health Services, Wisconsin's Congressional Delegation, State Legislators representing Columbia County, and the Wisconsin Counties Association.

Fiscal Note: None

Fiscal Impact: There is no direct/immediate fiscal impact.

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I certify that this is a true and exact copy of the original of which I am legal custodian for the County Clerk of Columbia County.

Signed by

County Clerk or Deputy County Clerk

1-16-19