

1 **RESOLUTION NO. 1-19**

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

4 **INTRODUCED BY:** Columbia Health Care Center Committee

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6 **To the Honorable Board of Supervisors of Columbia County:**

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

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

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

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

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

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


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

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

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

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35 Fiscal Note: None

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37 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
Date