

February 20, 2019

TO THE HONORABLE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS  
OF THE BROWN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Ladies and Gentlemen:

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF INCREASED CHILD SUPPORT FUNDING**

**WHEREAS**, Brown County administers the Child Support Enforcement Program on behalf of the state, providing services to Brown 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**, Brown 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**, 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 Brown 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 Brown County Board of Supervisors respectfully requests that state funding for county child support agencies be increased 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; and

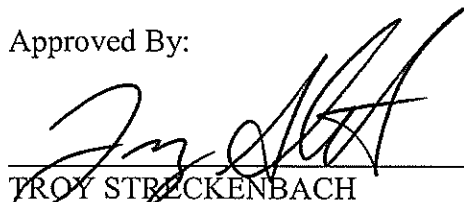
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a copy of this resolution be forwarded by the County Clerk to the Governor of the State of Wisconsin, State Senators and State

Representatives representing Brown County, the Secretary of the Wisconsin Department of Administration, and the Wisconsin Counties Association for consideration.

*This resolution Fiscal Note: This resolution does not require an appropriation from the General Fund. The cost to carry out this resolution is \$5.98 and will be covered with the department's current budget.*

Respectfully submitted,  
 ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE  
 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Approved By:

  
 TROY STRECKENBACH  
 COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Date Signed: 2/28/19

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 Authored by Corporation Counsel  
 Final Draft Approved by Corporation Counsel's Office

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ROLL CALL # \_\_\_\_\_  
Voice Vote Taken  
 Motion made by Supervisor Sieber  
 Seconded by Supervisor Linssen

SUPERVISORS	DIST. #	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	EXCUSED
SIEBER	1				
DE WANE	2				
NICHOLSON	3				
HOYER	4				
GRUSZYNSKI	5				
LEFEBVRE	6				
ERICKSON	7				
BORCHARDT	8				
EVANS	9				
VANDER LEEST	10				
BUCKLEY	11				
LANDWEHR	12				
DANTINNE, JR	13				

SUPERVISORS	DIST. #	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	EXCUSED
BRUSKY	14				
BALLARD	15				
KASTER	16				
VAN DYCK	17				
LINSSEN	18				
KNEISZEL	19				X
DESLAURIERS	20				
TRAN	21				
MOYNIHAN, JR.	22				
SUENNEN	23				
SCHADEWALD	24				
LUND	25				
DENEYS	26				

Total Votes Cast 25  
 Motion: Adopted X Defeated \_\_\_\_\_ Tabled \_\_\_\_\_

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**RESOLUTION/ORDINANCE SUBMISSION TO COUNTY BOARD**

DATE: 02-07-2019  
REQUEST TO: Exec Comm and Co Board (already went to Admin Comm)  
MEETING DATE: 02-11-2019, 02-20-2019, respectively  
REQUEST FROM: Dave Hemery, Corp Counsel as directed by Administration Committee on 02-06-2019

REQUEST TYPE:  New resolution       Revision to resolution  
 New ordinance       Revision to ordinance

**TITLE:**

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF INCREASED CHILD SUPPORT FUNDING**

**ISSUE/BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

Request for State to Increase Child Support Agency Funding.

**ACTION REQUESTED:**

Consideration and approval.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

*NOTE: This fiscal impact portion is initially completed by requestor, but verified by the DOA and updated if necessary.*

What is the amount of the fiscal impact?      \$ *Fiscal Note: This resolution does not require an appropriation from the General Fund. The cost to carry out this resolution is \$5.98 and will be covered with the department's current budget.*

Is it currently budgeted?  Yes       No       N/A (if \$0 fiscal impact)

- a. If yes, in which account? \_\_\_\_\_
- b. If no, how will the impact be funded?    General Fund
- c. If funding is from an external source, is it one-time  or continuous?

2. Please provide supporting documentation of fiscal impact determination.

**COPY OF RESOLUTION OR ORDINANCE IS ATTACHED**

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