



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

**DOOR COUNTY**

1 **TO THE DOOR COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:**  
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3 **WHEREAS**, Door County administers the Child Support Enforcement Program on behalf  
4 of the state, providing services to Door County residents including paternity establishment,  
5 obtaining child support and health insurance orders for children, and enforcing and modifying  
6 those orders; and  
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8 **WHEREAS**, Our children's well-being, economic security and success in life are enhanced  
9 by parents who provide financial and emotional support; and  
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11 **WHEREAS**, Door County's Child Support Agency ensures that parents take responsibility  
12 for the care and well-being of their children, supports the involvement of parents in their  
13 children's lives and provides services to both custodial and noncustodial parents; and  
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15 **WHEREAS**, The Child Support Enforcement Program is an effective investment in  
16 Wisconsin's future as child support increases self-sufficiency, reduces child poverty, and has a  
17 positive effect on children's well-being; and  
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19 **WHEREAS**, Wisconsin's Child Support Enforcement Program is ranked 2<sup>nd</sup> in the nation  
20 for collecting current support; and  
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22 **WHEREAS**, Wisconsin's Child Support Enforcement Program is incredibly cost-effective,  
23 collecting an average of \$5.56 in support for every dollar invested in the program; and  
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25 **WHEREAS**, County child support agencies collected \$934 Million in child support during  
26 2017, 95% of which went directly to families while 5% reimbursed public assistance programs;  
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29 **WHEREAS**, Child support agencies help save taxpayer dollars by establishing health  
30 insurance orders for 97% of cases, which reduces state Medicaid costs by moving children from  
31 public assistance to private insurance; and  
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33 **WHEREAS**, State funding for county child support services has not increased above the  
34 2007 funding level while county agency costs have steadily increased due to growing  
35 caseloads, inflation and new federal regulations; and  
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37 **WHEREAS**, Wisconsin's strong performance in child support is at risk without additional  
38 state funding. Diminished performance would result in reduced federal funding to Wisconsin;  
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41 **WHEREAS**, Decreased federal funding would lead to less funding for Door County's Child  
42 Support Agency. This could lead to reductions in child support enforcement staff and services  
43 and reduced child support collections; and



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**RESOLUTION 2018-63**

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ROLL CALL Board Members	Aye	Nay	Exc.
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BULTMAN			
CHOMEAU			
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R. ENGLEBERT			/
ENIGL			/
FISHER			/
GUNNLAUGSSON			/
HALSTEAD			/
KOCH			/
KOHOUT			/
LIENAU			/
LUNDAHL			/
NEINAS			/
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ROBILLARD			/
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**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 Door 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.

**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 Door County, the Secretary of the Wisconsin Department of Administration, the Wisconsin Counties Association, and each of Wisconsin's seventy two counties for consideration.

**BOARD ACTION**  
Vote Required: Majority Vote of a Quorum

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Motion to Approve      Adopted

1st Norton      Defeated

2nd Bultman

Yes: \_\_\_\_\_ No: \_\_\_\_\_ Exc: \_\_\_\_\_

Reviewed by: \_\_\_\_\_, Corp. Counsel

Reviewed by: \_\_\_\_\_, Administrator

**FISCAL IMPACT:** There is no fiscal impact associated with the adoption of this resolution. MEJ

**Certification:**  
I, Jill M. Lau, Clerk of Door County, hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of a resolution that was adopted on the 27th day of September, 2018 by the Door County Board of Supervisors.

Jill M. Lau  
County Clerk, Door County

**SUBMITTED BY:  
ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE**

David Lienau, Chair

Ken Fisher

Dan Austad

Joel Gunnlaugsson

Susan Kohout

John Neinas

Nancy Robillard