

RESOLUTION No. 503-18



SUPPORT LEGISLATION TO INCREASE COUNTY CHILD SUPPORT FUNDING

WHEREAS: Marinette County administers the Child Support Enforcement Program on behalf of the State of Wisconsin, providing services to Marinette 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: Marinette County's Child Support Agency provides services to both custodial and noncustodial parents; and

WHEREAS: Wisconsin's Child Support Enforcement Program ranked 2nd in the nation for collecting current support in 2017 according Federal Performance Measures; 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 potentially 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 Marinette 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 federal match. Every \$1 of state General Purpose Revenue (GPR) invested in the Child Support Program generates \$2 in federal matching funds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Marinette County Board of Supervisors urges Wisconsin state legislators to enact legislation which would allow Wisconsin county governments to have input on the regulation that state funding for county child support agencies be increased by \$1.5 million General Purpose Revenue (GPR) in each fiscal year of the 2019-21 Wisconsin state budget, which will generate approximately \$3 million in additional federal funding each year.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED the County Clerk shall forward a copy of this resolution to Governor Scott Walker, State Representatives Jeff Mursau and John Nygren, State Senators Dave Hansen and Tom Tiffany, US Senators Tammy Baldwin and Ron Johnson, and Congressman Mike Gallagher, and the Wisconsin Counties Association.

Approved this 30th day of October 2018 by a majority vote of a quorum of the Marinette County Board of Supervisors.


Mark Anderson, Chair


Kathy Brandt, County Clerk

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Marinette County Finance Department

Fiscal Impact Statement

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Fiscal Impact Statement:

This resolution is in support of the Wisconsin state legislators enacting legislation which would allow Wisconsin County governments to have input on the regulation that state funding for county child support agencies be increased by \$1.5 million General Purpose Revenue (GPR) in each fiscal year of the 2019-2021 state biennial budget. The resolution itself has no fiscal impact to the County. However, the State GPR is subject to the 66% federal match, which generates additional funding for the child support program. This funding is allocated to counties based upon performance and therefore, the additional revenue is unknown at this time.

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Interim Finance Director

October 4, 2018

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