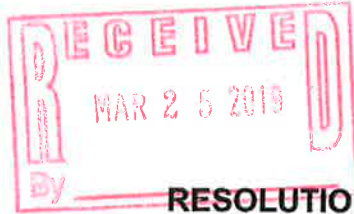


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RESOLUTION NO. 48-03-2019



A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF INCREASED COUNTY CHILD SUPPORT FUNDING

TO THE HONORABLE KEWAUNEE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

1 **WHEREAS**, Kewaunee County administers the Child Support Enforcement Program on behalf
2 of the state, providing services to Kewaunee County residents including paternity establishment,
3 obtaining child support and health insurance orders for children, and enforcing and modifying
4 those orders; and
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6 **WHEREAS**, our children's well-being, economic security and success in life are enhanced by
7 parents who provide financial and emotional support; and
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9 **WHEREAS**, Kewaunee County's Child Support Agency ensures that parents take responsibility
10 for the care and well-being of their children, supports the involvement of parents in their
11 children's lives and provides services to both custodial and noncustodial parents; and
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13 **WHEREAS**, the Child Support Enforcement Program is an effective investment in Wisconsin's
14 future as child support increases self-sufficiency, reduces child poverty, and has a positive effect
15 on children's well-being; and
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17 **WHEREAS**, Wisconsin's Child Support Enforcement Program is ranked 2nd in the nation for
18 collecting current support; and
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20 **WHEREAS**, Wisconsin's Child Support Enforcement Program is incredibly cost-effective,
21 collecting an average of \$5.56 in support for every dollar invested in the program; and
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23 **WHEREAS**, county child support agencies collected \$934 Million in child support during 2017,
24 95% of which went directly to families while 5% reimbursed public assistance programs; and
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26 **WHEREAS**, child support agencies help save taxpayer dollars by establishing health insurance
27 orders for 97% of cases, which reduces state Medicaid costs by moving children from public
28 assistance to private insurance; and
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30 **WHEREAS**, state funding for county child support services has failed to keep up with county
31 agency costs, which have steadily increased due to growing caseloads, inflation and new
32 federal regulations; and

1 **WHEREAS**, Wisconsin's strong performance in child support is at risk without additional state
 2 funding. Diminished performance would result in reduced federal funding to Wisconsin; and
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 4 **WHEREAS**, decreased federal funding would lead to less funding for Kewaunee County's child
 5 support agency. This could lead to reductions in child support enforcement staff and services
 6 and reduced child support collections; and
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 8 **WHEREAS**, new state investments in child support are amplified by a generous federal match.
 9 Every \$1 of state GPR invested in the Child Support Program generates \$2 in federal matching
 10 funds.
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 12 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Kewaunee County Board of Supervisors duly
 13 assembled this 19th day of March 2019, that the Board respectfully requests that state funding
 14 for county child support agencies be increased by \$1.5 million GPR in each fiscal year of the
 15 2019-21 Wisconsin state budget, which will generate approximately \$3 million in additional
 16 federal funding each year. This investment will ensure that counties can continue to effectively
 17 provide economic support to our children.
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 19 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the County Clerk shall forward a copy of this resolution to
 20 Governor Tony Evers, State Senator André Jacque, State Representative Joel Kitchens,
 21 Secretary Joel Brennan of the Wisconsin Department of Administration, and the Wisconsin
 22 Counties Association for consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

HEALTH, CHILD SUPPORT AND VETERANS COMMITTEE

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Augustian, A.	X			
Cochart, C.	X			
Cretney, T.	X			
Dobbins, M.			X	
Doell, D.	X			
Haske, V.	X			
Jahnke, S.	X			
Kroll, K.	X			
Luft, L.	X			
Lukes, J.	X			
Mastalir, J.	X			
Olson, D.	X			
Paape, G.	X			
Romdenne, T.	X			
Schmitt, C.	X			
Shillin, K.	X			
Teske, L.	X			
Treml, K.			X	
Wagner, C.	X			
Weidner, R.	X			
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