

RESOLUTION NO.: 64—2018-19

TO THE HONORABLE, THE OUTAGAMIE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:

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1 Outagamie County administers the Child Support Enforcement Program on behalf
2 of the state, providing services to Outagamie County residents including paternity
3 establishment, obtaining child support and health insurance orders for children,
4 and enforcing and modifying those orders.
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6 Our children's well-being, economic security and success in life are enhanced by
7 parents who provide financial and emotional support.
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9 Outagamie County's Child Support Agency ensures that parents take
10 responsibility for the care and well-being of their children, supports the
11 involvement of parents in their children's lives and provides services to both
12 custodial and noncustodial parents.
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14 The Child Support Enforcement Program is an effective investment in
15 Wisconsin's future as child support increases self-sufficiency, reduces child
16 poverty, and has a positive effect on children's well-being. The Program is
17 ranked second in the nation for collecting current support.
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19 Wisconsin's Child Support Enforcement Program is incredibly cost-effective,
20 collecting an average of \$5.56 in support for every dollar invested in the program.
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22 County child support agencies collected \$934 million in child support during
23 2017, 95% of which went directly to families while 5% reimbursed public
24 assistance programs.
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26 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
28 from public assistance to private insurance.
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30 State funding for county child support services has not increased above the 2007
31 funding level while county agency costs have steadily increased due to growing
32 caseloads, inflation and new federal regulations.
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34 Wisconsin's strong performance in child support is at risk without additional state
35 funding. Diminished performance would result in reduced federal funding to
36 Wisconsin which would lead to less funding for Outagamie County's child
37 support agency. This could lead to reductions in child support enforcement staff
38 and services and reduced child support collections.
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40 New state investments in child support are amplified by a generous federal match.
41 Every \$1 of state general purpose revenue (GPR) invested in the Child Support
42 Program generates \$2 in federal matching funds.

43 NOW THEREFORE, the undersigned members of the Health and Human Services
44 Committee recommend adoption of the following resolution.


45 BE IT RESOLVED, that the Outagamie County Board of Supervisors does hereby
46 respectfully request that state funding for county child support agencies be increased by \$1.5
47 million general purpose revenue (GPR) in each fiscal year of the 2019-21 Wisconsin state
48 budget, which will generate approximately \$3 million in additional federal funding each year.
49 This investment will ensure that counties can continue to effectively provide economic support
50 to our children, and

51 BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Outagamie County Clerk be directed to forward
52 a copy of this resolution to Governor Scott Walker, the Wisconsin Department of Administration
53 Secretary, the Wisconsin Counties Association, the Outagamie County Health and Human
54 Services Director, and the Outagamie County Lobbyist for distribution to the Legislature.

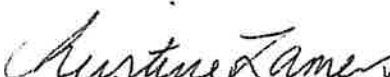
55 Dated this 23rd day of October, 2018.

56 Respectfully Submitted,

57 HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
58 COMMITTEE

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77 Duly and officially adopted by the County Board on: October 23, 2018

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Board Chairperson

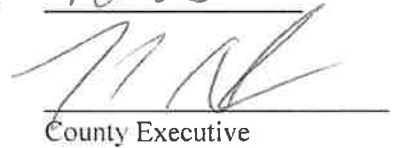

County Clerk

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Vetoed: _____

Signed:


County Executive