



# Resolution

No. 2020-54

## Support Expansion of the Department of Corrections Opening Avenues to Re-Entry Success (OARS) to the entire State of Wisconsin

**WHEREAS**, the OARS program enhances public safety by supporting the successful transition, recovery and self-sufficiency of offenders with mental health needs as they reintegrate into the community, and

**WHEREAS**, this is a vision and effort that should be available, supported and encouraged in every county in the state, and

**WHEREAS**, OARS enhances public safety by reducing recidivism and revocation rates, and

**WHEREAS**, people released from incarceration often face difficulty finding housing and employment, those on OARS have opportunities secure both housing and employment upon release which helps to reduce their chances of relapse into unhealthy lifestyles, and

**WHEREAS**, OARS is currently available in only 44 counties in Wisconsin.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the Bayfield County Board of Supervisors assembled this 26<sup>th</sup> day of May 2020, requests that the Wisconsin County Association support expansion of the OARS program to the entire state of Wisconsin.

By Action of the  
**Bayfield County Board of Supervisors**

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Dennis M. Pocernich, *Chair*

STATE OF WISCONSIN     )  
  ) ss.  
COUNTY OF BAYFIELD    )

I, Scott S. Fibert, *Bayfield County Clerk*, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of Volume 27, adopted by the Bayfield County Board of Supervisors at their meeting held on the 26<sup>th</sup> of May 2020.

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Scott S. Fibert, *Bayfield County Clerk*