

# 19-35

BAYFIELD COUNTY RESOLUTION FOR WCA

Human Services Expansion Resolution.

Bayfield County supports increased human services funding for Wisconsin residents. Bayfield County supports state expansion of services with some dollars coming back to counties to accommodate workload increase in Economic Support/Income Maintenance Consortium.

**Whereas**, with services comparable to adjacent states an additional 82,000 Wisconsin fewer residents could receive health care coverage who are currently underserved; and

**Whereas**, this service increase would improve the health, wellbeing and productivity of thousands of residents in the areas of preventive care, prenatal care, opioid and other drug treatment, behavioral health and crisis intervention, lead poisoning, treatment of chronic disease, dental health and support people with disabilities thus providing for healthier families and a more productive workforce; and

**Whereas**, most states in the country are providing services at this level resulting in improved health care of their citizens; and

**Whereas**, Wisconsin has lost an amount exceeding \$800 million over the last eight years. This has not benefitted the health of Wisconsin's citizens.

**Whereas**, the Wisconsin Department of Health Services projects a \$325 million savings from the increased service level;

**Now therefore be it resolved**, that Bayfield County supports the adoption of increased human services as soon as can be implemented based on humanitarian and economic grounds and

**Now therefore be it further resolved**, that funding from savings in accepting the expansion be designated to the counties as recommended by the Wisconsin Counties Human Services Association to accommodate a workload increase in Economic Support/Income Maintenance Consortium.

**Now therefore be it further resolved**, that the Wisconsin Counties Association consider adoption of this resolution as part of their policy platform.