

- REQUESTING THE STATE LEGISLATURE TO EXPLORE ALL SOLUTIONS INCLUDING LEGISLATION TO ADDRESS THE LONG-TERM CARE WORKFORCE CRISIS -

WHEREAS, the State of Wisconsin is currently experiencing a long-term care workforce crisis; and

WHEREAS, more than 16,000 caregiver positions remain vacant in Wisconsin with 54% of

WHEREAS, this workforce crisis is causing providers of long-term care services to vacant positions receiving no applicants and 83% receiving no qualified applicants; and have to limit admissions despite the need for services increasing nearly 25%; and

WHEREAS, in Wisconsin nearly 600,000 people are providing care to a loved one at home; and

WHEREAS, the caregiver workforce crisis will continue to place additional strain on family caregivers and

WHEREAS, family caregivers and in-home care workers are an integral part in maintaining people in their homes and community which reduces health care and long-term care system costs which benefits the community as a whole.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Eau Claire County Board of Supervisors urges the State of Wisconsin to explore all possible solutions to address this crisis including support for legislation such as the CARE Act which supports family caregivers.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Eau Claire County Board of Supervisors directs the county clerk to forward this resolution to the governor, assembly members and senators representing Eau Claire County and the Wisconsin Counties Association.

ADOPTED: June 19, 2018

Janet K. Loomis
County Clerk