

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 37-2018**

**RESOLUTION RELATING TO SUPPORT OF  
INCREASED COUNTY CHILD SUPPORT FUNDING**

The County Board of Supervisors of Green Lake County, Green Lake, Wisconsin, duly assembled at its regular meeting begun on the 18th day of December 2018, does resolve as follows:

- 1 **WHEREAS**, Green Lake County administers the Child Support Enforcement Program
- 2 on behalf of the state, providing services to Green Lake County residents including
- 3 paternity establishment, obtaining child support and health insurance orders for
- 4 children, and enforcing and modifying those orders; and,

Majority vote is needed to pass.

Roll Call on Resolution No. 37-2018

Submitted by: Health & Human  
Services Board

Ayes 17, Nays 0, Absent 2, Abstain 0

/s/ Joe Gonyo

Joe Gonyo, Chair

Passed and Adopted/~~Rejected~~ this 18<sup>th</sup>  
day of December 2018.

Brian Floeter

/s/ Harley Reabe

County Board Chairman

John Gende

/s/ Elizabeth A. Otto

ATTEST: County Clerk  
Approve as to Form:

/s/ Nancy Hoffmann

Nancy Hoffman

/s/ Dawn N. Klockow

Corporation Counsel

/s/ Harley Reabe

Harley Reabe

/s/ Richard J. Trochinski

Richard Trochinski

/s/ Joy Waterbury

Joy Waterbury

/s/ Joanne Guden

Joanne Guden

/s/ Charlie Wielgosh

Charlie Wielgosh

5 **WHEREAS**, our children’s well-being, economic security and success in life are  
6 enhanced by parents who provide financial and emotional support; and,  
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8 **WHEREAS**, Green Lake County’s Child Support Agency ensures that parents take  
9 responsibility for the care and well-being of their children, supports the involvement of  
10 parents in their children’s lives and provides services to both custodial and noncustodial  
11 parents; and,  
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13 **WHEREAS**, the Child Support Enforcement Program is an effective investment in  
14 Wisconsin’s future as child support increases self-sufficiency, reduces child poverty, and  
15 has a positive effect on children’s well-being; and,  
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17 **WHEREAS**, Wisconsin’s Child Support Enforcement Program is ranked 2nd in the nation  
18 for 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  
24 2017, 95% of which went directly to families while 5% reimbursed public assistance  
25 programs; and,  
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27 **WHEREAS**, child support agencies help save taxpayer dollars by establishing health  
28 insurance orders for 97% of cases, which reduces state Medicaid costs by moving  
29 children from public assistance to private insurance; and,  
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31 **WHEREAS**, State funding for county child support services has not increased above the  
32 2007 funding level while county agency costs have steadily increased due to growing  
33 caseloads, inflation and new federal regulations; and,  
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35 **WHEREAS**, Wisconsin’s strong performance in child support is at risk without additional  
36 state funding. Diminished performance would result in reduced federal funding to  
37 Wisconsin; and,  
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39 **WHEREAS**, decreased federal funding would lead to less funding for Green Lake  
40 County’s child support agency. This could lead to reductions in child support enforcement  
41 staff and services and reduced child support collections; and,  
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43 **WHEREAS**, new state investments in child support are amplified by a generous federal  
44 match. Every \$1 of state GPR invested in the Child Support Program generates \$2 in  
45 federal matching funds.  
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47 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Green Lake County Board of  
48 Supervisors respectfully requests that state funding for county child support agencies be  
49 increased by \$1.5 million GPR in each fiscal year of the 2019-21 Wisconsin state budget,  
50 which will generate approximately \$3 million in additional federal funding each year. This

51 investment will ensure that counties can continue to effectively provide economic support  
52 to our children.

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54 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a copy of this resolution be forwarded by the County  
55 Clerk to the Governor of the State of Wisconsin, State Senators and State  
56 Representatives representing Green Lake County, the Secretary of the Wisconsin  
57 Department of Administration, and the Wisconsin Counties Association for consideration.