

RESOLUTION 59 -2018
RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF INCREASED CHILD SUPPORT FUNDING

1 **INTRODUCED BY:** Adams County Public Safety and Judiciary Committee

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3 **INTENT & SYNOPSIS:** Resolution to request an increase in state funding for
4 county child support agencies in the 2019-2021 Wisconsin state budget.

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6 **FISCAL NOTE:** None.

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8 **WHEREAS:** Adams County administers the Child Support Enforcement
9 Program on behalf of the state, providing services to Adams County
10 residents including paternity establishment, obtaining child support
11 and health insurance orders for children, and enforcing and
12 modifying those orders; and

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14 **WHEREAS:** Our children's well-being, economic security and success in life are
15 enhanced by parents who provide financial and emotional support;
16 and

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18 **WHEREAS:** Adams County's Child Support Agency ensures that parents take
19 responsibility for the care and well-being of their children, supports
20 the involvement of parents in their children's lives and provides
21 services to both custodial and noncustodial parents; and

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23 **WHEREAS:** The Child Support Enforcement Program is an effective investment
24 in Wisconsin's future as child support increases self-sufficiency,
25 reduces child poverty, and has a positive effect on children's well-
26 being; and

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28 **WHEREAS:** Wisconsin's Child Support Enforcement Program is ranked 2nd in
29 the nation for collecting current support; and

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31 **WHEREAS:** Wisconsin's Child Support Enforcement Program is incredibly cost-
32 effective, collecting an average of \$5.56 in support for every dollar
33 invested in the program; and

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35 **WHEREAS:** County child support agencies collected \$934 Million in child
36 support during 2017, 95% of which went directly to families while
37 5% reimbursed public assistance programs; and

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39 **WHEREAS:** Child support agencies help save taxpayer dollars by establishing
40 health insurance orders for 97% of cases, which reduces state
41 Medicaid costs by moving children from public assistance to private
42 insurance; and

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44 **WHEREAS:** State funding for county child support services has not increased
45 above the 2007 funding level while county agency costs have
46 steadily increased due to growing caseloads, inflation and new
47 federal regulations; and

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49 WHEREAS: Wisconsin's strong performance in child support is at risk without
50 additional state funding. Diminished performance would result in
51 reduced federal funding to Wisconsin; and
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53 WHEREAS: Decreased federal funding would lead to less funding for Adams
54 County's child support agency. This could lead to reductions in
55 child support enforcement staff and services and reduced child
56 support collections; and
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58 WHEREAS: New state investments in child support are amplified by a generous
59 federal match. Every \$1 of state GPR invested in the Child Support
60 Program generates \$2 in federal matching funds.
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62 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Adams County Board of
63 Supervisors respectfully requests that state funding for county
64 child support agencies be increased by \$1.5 million GPR in
65 each fiscal year of the 2019-21 Wisconsin state budget, which
66 will generate approximately \$3 million in additional federal
67 funding each year. This investment will ensure that counties
68 can continue to effectively provide economic support to our
69 children.
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71 IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be forwarded by
72 the County Clerk to the Governor of the State of Wisconsin,
73 State Senators and State Representatives representing Adams
74 County, the Secretary of the Wisconsin Department of
75 Administration, and the Wisconsin Counties Association for
76 consideration.
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78 Recommended for adoption by the Public Safety and Judiciary Committee this
79 10th day of October, 2018.

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87 Adopted X
88 Defeated _____ by the Adams County Board of Supervisors this
89 Tabled _____ 16 day of October, 2018.

90 [Signature] [Signature]
91 _____ Deputy _____
92 County Board Chair County Clerk

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94 Reviewed by Corporation Counsel
95 Reviewed by County Manager/Administrative Coordinator

State of Wisconsin
County of Adams
This document is a full, true and correct copy
of the original on file and of record in my
office and has been compared by me
Attest October 17 2018
[Signature]
County Clerk