



**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF INCREASED
COUNTY CHILD SUPPORT FUNDING**

DOOR COUNTY

1 **WHEREAS**, The Door County Child Support Agency administers the Child Support
2 Enforcement Program on behalf of the state, providing services for over one thousand cases
3 involving Door County residents including paternity establishment, obtaining child support
4 and health insurance orders for children, and enforcing and modifying those orders; and
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6 **WHEREAS**, Our children's well-being, economic security and success in life are
7 enhanced by parents who provide financial and emotional support; and
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9 **WHEREAS**, County child support agencies collected \$935 Million in child support during
10 2019 and established 98,405 health insurance orders for Wisconsin children; and
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12 **WHEREAS**, The Door County Child Support Agency provides services to children as
13 well as custodial and non-custodial parents that reduce childhood poverty rates, establish
14 parental rights and promote the involvement of both parents in the lives of their children;
15 and
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17 **WHEREAS**, The economic security and social service programs provided by the Door
18 County Child Support Agency are needed by Wisconsin children and families now more
19 than ever due to the economic downturn caused by COVID-19; and
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21 **WHEREAS**, State funding for county child support services has failed to keep up with
22 county agency costs, which have steadily increased due to growing caseloads, inflation and
23 new federal regulations; and
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25 **WHEREAS**, Wisconsin's Child Support Enforcement Program has fallen from 2nd in
26 the nation for collecting current support to 5th; and
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28 **WHEREAS**, Wisconsin's decreased performance has led to the state, as a whole, losing
29 out on an estimated \$70,000 in potential federal incentive payments between Calendar Year
30 2019 and 2020; and
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32 **WHEREAS**, An abrupt change in interpretation of federal regulations by the (Federal)
33 Office of Child Support Enforcement in June 2019 eliminated \$4.2 million in federal birth
34 cost recovery matching funds for Wisconsin; and
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36 **WHEREAS**, Wisconsin's strong performance in child support is at risk without additional
37 state funding. Further drops in performance would result in additional reductions to federal
38 funding for Wisconsin; and
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40 **WHEREAS**, Decreased federal funding results in less funding for Door County's Child
41 Support Agency. This could lead to reductions in child support enforcement staff and
42 services, reduced child support collections and greater reliance on public benefits; and
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44 **WHEREAS**, New state investments in child support are amplified by a generous federal
45 match. Every \$1 of state GPR invested in the Child Support Program generates roughly \$2
46 in federal matching funds; and



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ROLL CALL Board Members	Aye	Nay	Exc.
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HEIM PETER			
KOHOUT			
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NORTON			
ROBILLARD			
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THAYSE			
VIRLEE			
VLIES WOTACHEK			
VOGEL			

BOARD ACTION

Vote Required: Majority Vote of a Quorum

Motion to Approve Adopted ☒

1st Robillard Defeated ☐

2nd Kohout

Yes: No: Exc:

Reviewed by:

 Corp. Counsel


Reviewed by:

 Administrator

FISCAL IMPACT: There is no fiscal implication with the adoption of this resolution. STW

Certification:

I, Jill M. Lau, Clerk of Door County, hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of a resolution that was adopted on the 15th day of December, 2020 by the Door County Board of Supervisors.


Jill M. Lau
County Clerk, Door County

1 **WHEREAS,** Wisconsin's Child Support Enforcement
2 Program is incredibly cost-effective, collecting an average of
3 \$6.20 in support for every dollar invested in the program.

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5 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Door
6 County Board of Supervisors respectfully requests that state
7 funding for county child support agencies be increased by \$4
8 million GPR in each fiscal year of the 2021-23 Wisconsin state
9 budget, which will generate approximately \$7.7 million in
10 additional federal funding each year. This investment will ensure
11 that Wisconsin counties can continue to effectively provide
12 economic support to our children.

13 **IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED** that a copy of this resolution
14 be forwarded by the County Clerk to the Governor of the State
15 of Wisconsin, the State Senator and State Representative
16 representing Door County, the Secretary of the Wisconsin
17 Department of Administration, and the Wisconsin Counties
18 Association for consideration.
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SUBMITTED BY: ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE



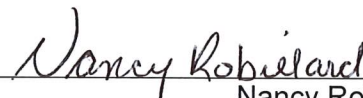
David Lienau, Chairman



Susan Kohout



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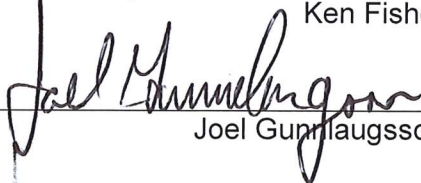
Nancy Robillard



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