

RESOLUTION NO: 11-20-02

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF INCREASED COUNTY CHILD SUPPORT FUNDING

- 1 WHEREAS: Monroe County administers the Child Support Enforcement Program on behalf of
2 the state, providing services to Monroe County residents including paternity
3 establishment, obtaining child support and health insurance orders for children,
4 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 enhanced by
7 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 2019
10 and established 98,405 health insurance orders for Wisconsin children; and
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- 12 WHEREAS: Monroe County's Child Support Agency provides services to children as well as
13 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
15 children; and
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- 17 WHEREAS: The economic security and social service programs provided by the Monroe
18 County Child Support Agency are needed by Wisconsin children and families now
19 more 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 county
22 agency costs, which have steadily increased due to growing caseloads, inflation
23 and new federal regulations; and
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- 25 WHEREAS: Wisconsin's Child Support Enforcement Program has fallen from 2nd in the nation
26 for collecting current support to 5th; and
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- 28 WHEREAS: Wisconsin's decreased performance has led to the state losing out on an estimated
29 \$70,000 in potential federal incentive payments between Calendar Year 2019 and
30 2020; and
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- 32 WHEREAS: An abrupt federal interpretation change in June 2019 eliminated \$4.2 million in
33 federal birth cost recovery matching funds for Wisconsin; and
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- 35 WHEREAS: Wisconsin's strong performance in child support is at risk without additional state
36 funding. Further drops in performance would result in additional reductions to
37 federal funding for Wisconsin; and
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- 39 WHEREAS: Decreased federal funding results in less funding for Monroe County's child
40 support agency. This could lead to reductions in child support enforcement staff
41 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 match.
44 Every \$1 of state GPR invested in the Child Support Program generates roughly
45 \$2 in federal matching funds; and

46 WHEREAS: Wisconsin's Child Support Enforcement Program is incredibly cost-effective,
47 collecting an average of \$6.20 in support for every dollar invested in the program.
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49 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Monroe County Board of Supervisors
50 respectfully requests that state funding for county child support agencies be increased by
51 \$4 million GPR in each fiscal year of the 2021-23 Wisconsin state budget, which will
52 generate approximately \$7.7 million in additional federal funding each year. This
53 investment will ensure that Wisconsin counties can continue to effectively provide
54 economic support to our children.
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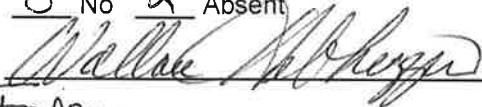

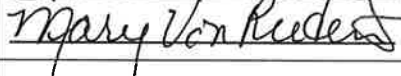
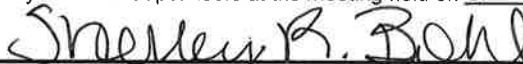
56 IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be forwarded by the County Clerk
57 to the Governor of the State of Wisconsin, State Senators and State Representatives
58 representing Monroe County the Secretary of the Wisconsin Department of Administration,
59 and the Wisconsin Counties Association for consideration.
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61 Offered by the Administration & Personnel Committee this 19th day of November, 2020.
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63 Purpose: Monroe County Board statement of support for increased funding for county child support
64 agencies.
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66 Fiscal Note: None
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68 Drafted by: Pamela Pipkin, Child Support Director

<p>Finance Vote (If required): ____ Yes ____ No ____ Absent ***** Approved as to form:  _____ Andrew C. Kaftan, Corporation Counsel</p>	<p>Committee of Jurisdiction Forwarded on: <u>11/10/2020</u> <u>20 20</u> VOTE: <u>3</u> Yes <u>0</u> No <u>2</u> Absent Committee Chair:   </p>
<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ADOPTED <input type="checkbox"/> FAILED <input type="checkbox"/> AMENDED <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER _____ County Board Vote on: <u>Nov 19 20 20</u> <u>12</u> Yes <u>0</u> No <u>4</u> Absent</p>	<p>STATE OF WISCONSIN COUNTY OF MONROE I, SHELLEY R. BOHL, Monroe County Clerk, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of Resolution # <u>11-20-02</u> acted on by the Monroe County Board of Supervisors at the meeting held on <u>November 19, 2020</u>  _____ SHELLEY R. BOHL, MONROE COUNTY CLERK A raised seal certifies an official document.</p>