	Type/Number	Resolution 48-12-20		
	Title	Supporting an Increase in Child Support Funding		
	Overview/Synopsis	To support an increase in child support funding as part of the State of Wisconsin budget for fiscal years 2021-2023		
	Submitted By	Executive Committee		
	Fiscal Impact	No fiscal impact (no impact to county budget)		
	Review (Initial & Date)	Legal	<i>SLB</i> 12/22/2020	Finance

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

5
6 WHEREAS, children’s well-being, economic security, and success in life are enhanced by
7 parents who provide financial and emotional support; and

8
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

11
12 WHEREAS, Clark County’s Child Support Agency provides services to children as well as
13 custodial and non-custodial parents that reduce childhood poverty rates, establish parental rights
14 and promote the involvement of both parents in the lives of their children; and

15
16 WHEREAS, the economic security and social service programs provided by Clark County Child
17 Support Agency are needed by Wisconsin children and families now more than ever due to the
18 economic downturn caused by COVID-19; and

19
20 WHEREAS, state funding for county child support services has failed to keep up with county
21 agency costs, which have steadily increased due to growing caseloads, inflation and new federal
22 regulations; and

23
24 WHEREAS, Wisconsin’s Child Support Enforcement Program has fallen from 2nd in the nation
25 for collecting current support to 5th; and

26
27 WHEREAS, Wisconsin’s decreased performance has led to the state losing out on an estimated
28 \$70,000 in potential federal incentive payments between Calendar Year 2019 and 2020; and

29
30 WHEREAS, an abrupt federal interpretation change in June 2019 eliminated \$4.2 million in
31 federal birth cost recovery matching funds for Wisconsin; and

32
33 WHEREAS, Wisconsin’s strong performance in child support is at risk without additional state
34 funding. Further drops in performance would result in additional reductions to federal funding
35 for Wisconsin; and

36
37 WHEREAS, decreased federal funding results in less funding for Clark County’s child support
38 agency. This could lead to reductions in child support enforcement staff and services and
39 reduced child support collections; and

40 WHEREAS, new state investments in child support are amplified by a generous federal match.
41 Every \$1 of state GPR invested in the Child Support Program generates roughly \$2 in federal
42 matching funds; and

43 WHEREAS, Wisconsin's Child Support Enforcement Program is incredibly cost-effective,
44 collecting an average of \$6.20 in support for every dollar invested in the program.
45

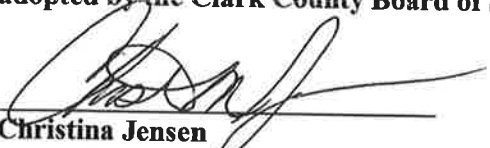
46 NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Clark County Board of Supervisors hereby
47 supports an increase in state funding for county child support agencies by \$4 million GPR in
48 each fiscal year of the 2021-23 Wisconsin state budget, which will generate approximately \$7.7
49 million in additional federal funding each year. This investment will ensure that Wisconsin
50 counties can continue to effectively provide economic support to our children.
51

52 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution shall be forwarded by the County
53 Clerk to the Governor of the State of Wisconsin, state senators and state representatives
54 representing Clark County, the Secretary of the Wisconsin Department of Administration, and
55 the Wisconsin Counties Association for consideration.

Committee/Board/Supervisor Action	
Committee/Board/Supervisor Name:	Executive Committee
Result:	Passed 12/03/2020
Mover:	Krempasky
Seconded:	Waichulis
Ayes:	Hendrickson, Waichulis, Boon, Krempasky & Rueth
Nays:	None
Absent:	None

Clark County Board of Supervisors Action	
Vote Required:	Majority
Result:	Passed: December 17, 2020
Type of Vote:	Roll Call
Mover:	Waichulis
Seconded:	Smagacz
Ayes:	Flink, Schindler, Wilcox, Amacher, Waichulis, Zank, Kodl, Lange, Luchterhand, Jalling, Petke, Bower, Krempasky, Rogers, Hendrickson, Rueth, Olson, Williams, Krause Jr., Rollins, Smagacz, Trunkel, Gerhardt, Bakker, Garbisch, Neville, Sebesta
Nays:	Boon
Absent:	Leichtman

I, Christina M. Jensen, Clerk for Clark County, hereby certify that Resolution 48-12-20 was adopted by the Clark County Board of Supervisors at the meeting held on December 17, 2020.


Christina Jensen
Clark County Clerk
Neillsville, Wisconsin 54456

SEAL