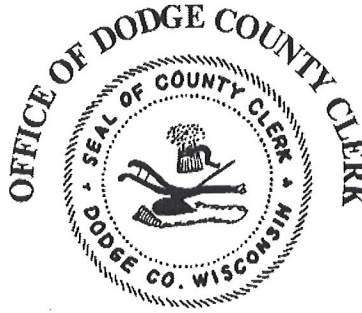


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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

I, Karen J. Gibson, County Clerk in and for the County of Dodge, State of Wisconsin, do hereby certify that the attached is a true and correct copy of Resolution No. 20-79 adopted by the Dodge County Board of Supervisors on March 16, 2021.

Dated this 19th day of March, 2021.

Karen J. Gibson
Dodge County Clerk



**Advisory Resolution Supporting Increased State
Funding for County Child Support Programs**

TO THE HONORABLE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF DODGE COUNTY, WISCONSIN,

WHEREAS, Dodge County administers the Child Support Enforcement Program on behalf of the State of Wisconsin, providing services to Dodge County residents including paternity establishment, obtaining child support and health insurance orders for children, and enforcing and modifying those orders; and,

WHEREAS, our children's well-being, economic security and success in life are enhanced by parents who provide financial and emotional support; and,

WHEREAS, County child support agencies collected \$935 Million in child support during 2019 and established 98,405 health insurance orders for Wisconsin children; and,

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, Wisconsin's decreased performance has led to the state losing out on an estimated \$70,000 in potential federal incentive payments between Calendar Year 2019 and 2020, and further decreases in performance would result in additional reductions in federal funding for Wisconsin; and,

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

WHEREAS, decreased federal funding results in less funding for Dodge County's child support agency which could lead to reductions in child support enforcement staff and services and reduced child support collections; and,

1 **WHEREAS**, Wisconsin's strong performance in child support is at risk without additional
2 state funding; and,

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4 **WHEREAS**, new state investments in child support are maximized by federal matching
5 funds because every \$1 of state General Purpose Revenue (GPR) invested in the Child Support
6 Program generates roughly \$2 in federal matching funds; and,

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8 **WHEREAS**, county child support agencies helped save taxpayer dollars by establishing
9 health insurance orders for 97% of cases, which reduces state Medicaid costs by moving children
10 from public assistance to private insurance; and,

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

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15 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Dodge County Board of Supervisors
16 respectfully requests that state funding for county child support agencies be increased by \$4
17 million GPR in each fiscal year of the 2021-23 Wisconsin state budget, which will generate
18 approximately \$7.7 million in additional federal funding each year, which investment will ensure
19 that Wisconsin counties can continue to effectively provide economic support to our children; and,

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21 **BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED**, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded by the County
22 Clerk to the Governor of the State of Wisconsin, State Senators and State Representatives
23 representing Dodge County, the Secretary of the Wisconsin Department of Administration, and
24 the Wisconsin Counties Association for consideration.

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All of which is respectfully submitted this 16th day of March, 2021.

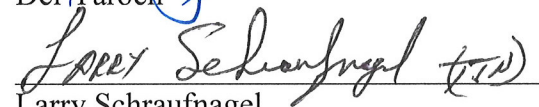
Dodge County Judicial and Public Protection Committee:



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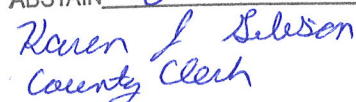
FISCAL NOTE: The 66% funding reimbursement rate on expenditures that the County receives will remain the same. The proposal will increase the State's General Purchase Revenue (GPR). If the County keeps at the same level of performance incentives, the County's performance incentive revenue will remain the same if the GPR is increased. If the GPR is not increased, the County's performance incentive revenue will decrease. Finance Committee review date: March 8, 2021. Chair initials: .

BY DODGE COUNTY BOARD

Vote Required: Majority of Members present.

Resolution Summary: Advisory Resolution Supporting Increased State Funding for County Child Support Programs.

AYES 29 NOES 0
ABSENT 4
ABSTAIN 0


Karen J. Selison
County Clerk