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Dear Mark:

Attached is a certified copy of Resolution #R-75-20 which was passed at the Adjourned Annual Meeting on December 16, 2020

Sincerely,

Kim Trueblood
Marathon County Clerk

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#R-75-20

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING INCREASED FUNDING FOR AGING AND DISABILITY RESOURCE CENTERS

WHEREAS, Aging and Disability Resource Centers (ADRC) are the first place to go to get accurate unbiased information on all aspects of life related to aging or living with a disability; and

WHEREAS, ADRC services include providing information and assistance, options and benefits counseling, coordinating short-term services, conducting functional screens, and enrollment processing and counseling; and

WHEREAS, in Wisconsin, there are currently 34 single-county ADRCs, 12 multi-county/tribal ADRCs, and seven tribal Aging and Disability Resource Specialists that work with an ADRC; and

WHEREAS, ADRCs serve the fastest growing demographic of our state's population; and

WHEREAS, the funding method for ADRCs has not been revised in more than a decade, and funding for ADRCs has not increased since 2006; and

WHEREAS, it has become evident that ADRC funding needs revision for a number of reasons, including:

- The current inequitable distribution of funding among ADRCs.
- The need to increase funding so that all ADRCs may effectively meet their mission, as outlined in the Scope of Services contract addendum; and

WHEREAS, the Office for Resource Center Development (ORCD) within the Department of Health Services (DHS) established a stakeholder advisory group in 2017 to discuss ADRC funding; and

WHEREAS, the stakeholder advisory group identified a number of issues with the current funding formula, such as:

- Dollars are distributed based on the date of ADRC establishment - older ADRCs (Generation One) receive more funding than ADRCs established at a later date (Generation Two and Three ADRCs);
- The current formula does not take into account elements associated with health and social inequity that require a greater need for ADRC services;
- The current formula does not adjust with need – Wisconsin's aging and disability populations continue to grow and are expected to grow significantly over the next 20 years;
- The current formula does not account for needed cost of living adjustments; and

WHEREAS, a significant state GPR investment is needed to implement the recommendations of the stakeholder advisory group; and

WHEREAS, such a significant state investment would provide consistency in ADRC funding statewide, cover the services required and recommended in the Scope of Services contract addendum, and equalize services among ADRCs; and

WHEREAS, the work of the stakeholder advisory group complements the work of the Governor's Task Force on Caregiving; and

WHEREAS, according to the Wisconsin Department of Health Services Projected Population data for 2020, older adults 60 years plus are 26 percent of Marathon County's total population and this percentage is expected to increase to 30 percent by 2030; and

WHEREAS, according to the Wisconsin Department of Health Services 2014 Projected Population data for people 18-64 living with disabilities, comprise 5.4 percent of Marathon County's total population.

WHEREAS, the Marathon County Board of Supervisors recognizes that the growing aging population will place increased demands and costs on health care, public health, and long-term care systems; and

WHEREAS, the Marathon County Board of Supervisors believe it is imperative that Wisconsin ADRCs are funded adequately and equitably, consequently easing the burden on these systems.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Marathon County Board of Supervisors does hereby support the following increases in the 2021-23 state biennial budget to ensure access to critical services provided by ADRCs to Wisconsin's aging and disability populations:

- Provide an additional \$27,410,000 GPR in funding to our state's ADRCs. It is important to note that the proposed change in the ADRC allocation methodology cannot occur unless the full \$27.4 million is allocated.
- Provide additional funding to expand/equalize ADRC services across the state:
 - Expand Dementia Care Specialist Funding Statewide: \$3,320,000
 - Fully Fund Elder Benefit Specialists Statewide: \$2,300,000
 - Expand Caregiver Support and Programs: \$3,600,000
 - Expand Health Promotion Services: \$6,000,000
 - Expand Care Transition Services: \$6,000,000
 - Fund Aging and Disability Resources in Tribes: \$1,180,000
 - Fully Fund Aging and Disability Resource Support Systems: \$2,650,000; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to Governor Tony Evers, DOA Secretary Joel Brennan, DHS Secretary-designee Andrea Palm, the Wisconsin Counties Association and all area legislators.

Dated this 15th day of December, 2020

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICE COMMITTEE

/s/ Tim Buttke, Chair /s/ Michelle Van Krey, Vice Chair /s/ Tom Seubert /s/ Kelley Gabor


/s/ Donna Krause /s/ Dennis Gonnering /s/ William Harris

Fiscal Impact: None

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COUNTY OF MARATHON)

I, Kim Trueblood, County Clerk in and for Marathon County, Wisconsin, hereby certify that the attached Resolution #R-75-20 was adopted by the Marathon County Board of Supervisors at the Adjourned Annual Meeting which was held on December 15, 2020.

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Kim Trueblood
Marathon County Clerk