

RESOLUTION NO. 36 (2020-2021)

SUBJECT: Support of Increased Child Support Funding

WHEREAS, Waupaca County administers the Child Support Enforcement Program on behalf of the State of Wisconsin, providing services to Waupaca 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, Waupaca County's Child Support Agency provides services to 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, all having a positive effect on the lives of children; and

WHEREAS, Wisconsin's Child Support Enforcement Program demonstrates return on investment by collecting an average of \$6.20 in support for every dollar invested in the program; and

WHEREAS, County child support agencies collected \$935 million in child support in 2019 and 98,405 health insurance orders statewide; and

WHEREAS, Wisconsin's Child Support Enforcement Program has dropped from a ranking of 2nd in the nation to 5th for collecting current support and as a result has lost approximately \$70,000 in federal incentive payments between Calendar Year 2019 and Calendar Year 2020; and

WHEREAS, Wisconsin's strong performance in child support is at risk without additional state funding, and further drops in performance would result in additional reductions to federal funding for Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS, decreased federal funding results in less funding for Waupaca County's Child Support Agency, potentially leading to reductions in child support staff and services and reduced child support collections; and

WHEREAS, new state investments in child support are amplified by a federal match; that is, every \$1 of state GPR invested in the Child Support Program generates \$2 in federal matching funds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Waupaca County Board of Supervisors respectfully requests that state funding for county child support agencies be increased by \$4 million GPR in each fiscal year of the 2021-23 Wisconsin state budget, which will generate approximately \$7.7 million in additional federal funding each year to ensure the efficient, effective delivery of program services to Wisconsin families.

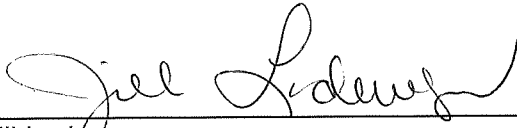
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be forwarded by the County Clerk to the Governor of the State of Wisconsin, Waupaca County's State Senators and Representatives, the Secretary of the Wisconsin Department of Administration, and the Wisconsin Counties Association for consideration.

Passed this 15th day of December, 2020

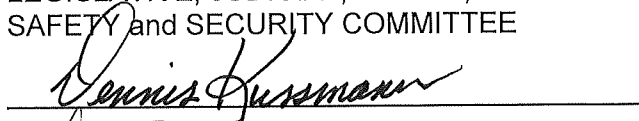
RECOMMENDED FOR INTRODUCTION BY
LEGISLATIVE, JUDICIAL, ETHICS,
SAFETY and SECURITY COMMITTEE

27 Ayes 0 Nays

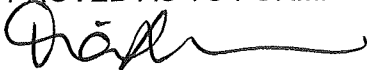
ATTEST:



Jill Lodewegen
Waupaca County Clerk



APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Diane L. Meulemans
Corporation Counsel