

**RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

**RESOLUTION REQUESTING AN INCREASE IN STATE FUNDING  
FOR COUNTY CHILD SUPPORT AGENCIES**

**WHEREAS**, Fond du Lac County administers the Child Support Enforcement Program on behalf of the state, providing services to Fond du Lac 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**, Fond du Lac 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 the Fond du Lac 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 have steadily increased due to growing caseloads, inflation, and new federal regulations, and

**WHEREAS**, Wisconsin's Child Support Enforcement Program has fallen from second in the nation for collecting current support to fifth, 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

**WHEREAS**, an abrupt federal interpretation change in June 2019 eliminated \$4.2 million in federal birth cost recovery matching funds for Wisconsin, 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 Fond du Lac County's Child Support Agency, which could lead to reductions in child support enforcement staff and services and reduced child support collections, and

**WHEREAS**, new state investments in child support are amplified by a generous federal match, with every \$1 of state general purpose revenue (GPR) invested in the Child Support Program generating roughly \$2 in federal matching funds, and

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

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Fond du Lac 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 and ensure that Wisconsin counties can continue to effectively provide economic support to our children.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a copy of this resolution be forwarded by the County Clerk to the Governor of the state of Wisconsin, state senators and state representatives representing Fond du Lac County, the Secretary of the Wisconsin Department of Administration, and the Wisconsin Counties Association for consideration.

Dated \_\_\_\_\_

**SUBMITTED BY:  
HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE**

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**Joseph M. Fenrick**

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**Jay J. Myrechuck**

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**Monica M. Walk**

**FISCAL NOTE:** This resolution does not require an appropriation from the county general fund.

**APPROVED BY:**

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**Allen J. Buechel**  
**COUNTY EXECUTIVE**

**APPROVED BY:**

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**Meggin R. McNamara**  
**CORPORATION COUNSEL**

**CERTIFICATION:** I hereby certify this to be a true and exact copy of Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_.

Ayes \_\_\_\_ Nays \_\_\_\_ Abstained \_\_\_\_ Excused \_\_\_\_ Absent \_\_\_\_

\_\_ Approved and adopted this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_ Denied this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_.

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**Lisa Freiberg**  
**COUNTY CLERK**