

LANGLADE COUNTY



VOTE
20 AYES
01 ABSENT

RESOLUTION #24-2021

INTRODUCED BY: PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

INTENT: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE LOBBYING OF THE WISCONSIN STATE LEGISLATURE TO CREATE A STATE SUBSTANCE ABUSE DATABASE

WHEREAS, the County of Langlade has been deeply impacted by the effects of substance abuse, especially methamphetamine, both economically and socially; and

WHEREAS, substance abuse has led to increased crime, poverty, child abuse, domestic violence and other social ills which have led to a reduction in the quality of life of the citizens of Langlade County; and

WHEREAS, the substances abused such as methamphetamine are not sourced from within Langlade County, but are imported from locations outside the County; and

WHEREAS, the Langlade County Government has identified substance abuse reduction and prevention as the top priority of the Board of Supervisors; and

WHEREAS, the Langlade County Government has invested significant resources such as staff positions and funding in programs to reduce substance abuse through methods such as enforcement, prevention and treatment; and

WHEREAS, there is a clearly identifiable need to measure and assess the issue of substance abuse as well as the impact of the resources being expended to combat the issue; and

WHEREAS, the expertise and resources for collecting and quantifying such data is not within the abilities of an individual county such as Langlade, but better undertaken by an entity such as the State of Wisconsin;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the County of Langlade hereby urges the legislature of the State of Wisconsin to appropriate funding to create a system for collecting, tracking and publishing real-time and historical data to help in the assessment and reduction of substance abuse in the State of Wisconsin and at the local level. The data collected and shared be include arrest activity, charging activity, court dispositions and sentencing and recidivism as well as trends in drug activity and related crimes.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE:

Bob Curran, Chairman

Ariene Bonacci

Reinhardt Balcerzak

Dave Krochalk

Warren Wagner

FISCAL NOTE: No fiscal note.

Adopted by the County Board of Langlade
County this 26th day of July, 2021.

Judy Nagel, County Clerk

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