



IN SUPPORT OF INCREASED COUNTY CHILD SUPPORT FUNDING

DOOR COUNTY

TO THE DOOR COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

1       **WHEREAS**, Door County administers the Child Support Enforcement Program on behalf of the  
2 state, providing a holistic set of services to Door County children and their parents, including  
3 paternity establishment, assistance with finding employment, obtaining child support and  
4 establishing health insurance orders for children, and enforcing and modifying those orders; and  
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6       **WHEREAS**, Child support is one of the most effective anti-poverty programs in the state, with  
7 county child support agencies serving approximately 347,000 children and collecting roughly \$906  
8 million in financial support for Wisconsin families in 2021; and  
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10       **WHEREAS**, Child support is proven to reduce childhood poverty rates, lead to better  
11 educational and behavioral outcomes for children, and have a positive effect on food security,  
12 health and housing stability; and  
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14       **WHEREAS**, County child support agencies work closely with both parents to ensure that they  
15 have the help they need to be successful, including assistance with finding employment, referrals  
16 to other social service programs and right-sizing orders for individuals impacted by substances  
17 use disorders or other challenges; and  
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19       **WHEREAS**, State funding for county child support services has failed to keep up with county  
20 agency costs, which have steadily increased due to a high number of caseloads per worker,  
21 increased complexity of cases, inflation and new regulations; and  
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23       **WHEREAS**, An abrupt federal interpretation change in June 2019 eliminated \$4.2 million in  
24 federal birth cost recovery matching funds for Wisconsin; and  
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26       **WHEREAS**, Wisconsin's strong performance in child support is at risk without additional  
27 funding. The state has already dropped from 2<sup>nd</sup> in the nation for the collection of current support  
28 in 2016 to 6<sup>th</sup> in the nation in 2021.  
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30       **WHEREAS**, Without additional state funds, county child support agencies may need to  
31 eliminate positions, further increase caseloads, or reduce services, further impacting federal  
32 performance measures, which would result in the loss of additional federal funds; and  
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34       **WHEREAS**, The individuals most impacted by insufficient funding for child support are the  
35 children and families served by county child support agencies, who will need to seek out public  
36 assistance programming absent the financial security provided by the child support program; and  
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38       **WHEREAS**, State investments in child support are amplified by a generous federal match.  
39 Every \$1 of state GPR invested in the Child Support Program generates roughly \$2 in federal  
40 matching funds; and  
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42       **WHEREAS**, Wisconsin's Child Support Enforcement Program is incredibly cost-effective,  
43 collecting an average of \$6.43 in support for every dollar invested in the program.  
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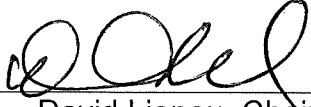
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ROLL CALL Board Members	Aye	Nay	Exc.
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D. ENGLEBERT			
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FISHER			
GAUGER			
GUNNLAUGSSON			
HEIM PETER			
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NORTON			
ROBILLARD			
RUSNAK			
THAYSE			
VOGEL			
ZETTEL			


1 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Door County  
2 Board of Supervisors respectfully requests that state funding for  
3 county child support agencies be increased by \$5 million GPR in each  
4 fiscal year of the 2023-25 Wisconsin state budget, which will generate  
5 approximately \$9.7 million in additional federal funding each year. This  
6 investment will ensure that Wisconsin counties can continue to  
7 effectively provide economic support to our children.

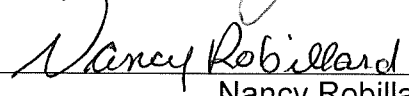
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9 **IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a copy of this resolution be  
10 forwarded by the County Clerk to the Governor of the State of  
11 Wisconsin, State Senators and State Representatives representing  
12 Door County, the Secretary of the Wisconsin Department of  
13 Administration, and the Wisconsin Counties Association for  
14 consideration.  
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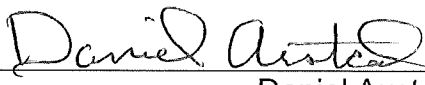
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Administrative Committee

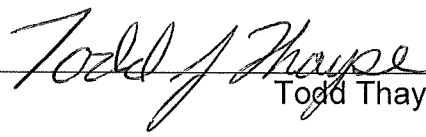
  
David Lienau, Chairperson

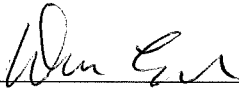
  
Elizabeth Gauger

  
David Englebert

  
Nancy Robillard

  
Daniel Austad

  
Todd Thaysse

  
David Enigl

**BOARD ACTION**


Vote Required: Majority Vote of a Quorum

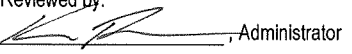
Motion to Approve Adopted

1st D. Englebert Defeated

2nd Norton

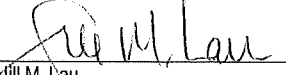
Yes: \_\_\_ No: \_\_\_ Exc: \_\_\_

Reviewed by:  Corp. Counsel

Reviewed by:  Administrator

**FISCAL IMPACT:** There is no fiscal impact associated with the adoption of this resolution. STW

**Certification:**  
I, Jill M. Lau, Clerk of Door County, hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of a resolution that was adopted on the 20th day of December 2022 by the Door County Board of Supervisors.

  
Jill M. Lau  
County Clerk, Door County