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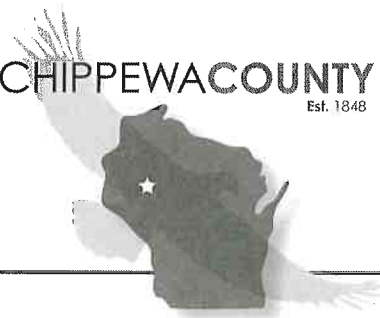
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**Certificate of Adoption**

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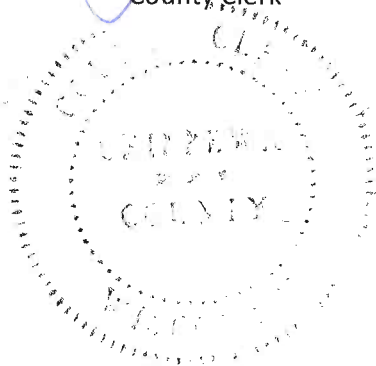
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I, Jaclyn J. Sadler, the County Clerk of Chippewa County, Wisconsin, do certify that the attached resolution was adopted by the Chippewa County Board of Supervisors on December 13, 2022.

*Jaclyn J. Sadler*  
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County Clerk



Resolution No. 58 - 22

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**RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT INCREASED FUNDING FOR WISCONSIN’S COUNTY CHILD SUPPORT PROGRAM - DENISE SHERVEY**

WHEREAS, the Chippewa County Child Support Agency administers the Child Support Enforcement Program on behalf of the state, providing a holistic set of services to Chippewa County children and their parents, including paternity establishment, assistance with finding employment, obtaining child support and establishing health insurance orders for children, and enforcing and modifying those orders; and

WHEREAS, child support is one of the most effective anti-poverty programs in the state, with county child support agencies serving approximately 347,000 children and collecting roughly \$906 million in financial support for Wisconsin families in 2021; and

WHEREAS, child support is proven to reduce childhood poverty rates, lead to better educational and behavioral outcomes for children, and have a positive effect on food security, health and housing stability; and

WHEREAS, county child support agencies work closely with both parents to ensure that they have the help they need to be successful, including assistance with finding employment, referrals to other social service programs and right-sizing orders for individuals impacted by substances use disorders or other challenges; and

WHEREAS, State funding for county child support services has failed to keep up with county agency costs, which have steadily increased due to a high number of caseloads per worker, increased complexity of cases, inflation and new regulations; 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 funding as the state has already dropped from 2<sup>nd</sup> in the nation for the collection of current support in 2016 to 6<sup>th</sup> in the nation in 2021; and

WHEREAS, without additional state funds, county child support agencies may need to eliminate positions, further increase caseloads, or reduce services, further impacting federal performance measures, which would result in the loss of additional federal funds; and

WHEREAS, the individuals most impacted by insufficient funding for child support agencies are the children and families served by county child support agencies, who will need to seek out public assistance programming absent the financial security provided by the child support program; and

WHEREAS, State investments in child support are amplified by a generous federal match as every \$1 of state GPR invested in the Child Support Program generates roughly \$2 in federal matching funds; and

62 WHEREAS, Wisconsin's Child Support Enforcement Program is incredibly cost-effective,  
63 as it collects an average of \$6.43 in support for every dollar invested in the program; and

64 WHEREAS, it is the recommendation of the Wisconsin Child Support Enforcement  
65 Association that the State General Purpose Revenue (GPR) to the child support agencies be  
66 increased by \$5,000,000 each year as part of the 2023-2025 State budget to ensure that the  
67 child support agencies are able to continue to meet the needs of Wisconsin citizens and meet  
68 or exceed the federal performance standards;

69 NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chippewa County Board of Supervisors  
70 respectfully requests that state funding for county child support agencies be increased by \$5  
71 million GPR in each fiscal year of the 2023-25 Wisconsin state budget, which will generate  
72 approximately \$9.7 million in additional federal funding each year to ensure that Wisconsin  
73 counties can continue to effectively provide economic support to our children; and

74 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded by the County  
75 Clerk to the Governor of the State of Wisconsin, State Senators and State Representatives  
76 representing Chippewa County, the Secretary of the Wisconsin Department of Administration,  
77 and the Wisconsin Counties Association for consideration.

78 Forwarded to the County Board by the Legal and Law Enforcement Committee.

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80 **FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

81 There is no fiscal impact to Chippewa County by passage of this resolution.

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83 **12/13/2022 County Board**

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86 History:

87 12/05/22 Legal & Law Enforcement Committee FORWARD TO COUNTY BOARD

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Approved as to Form:

*Todd A. Pauls*

Todd A. Pauls, Corporation Counsel

11/9/2022

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Lori Zwiefelhofer, Finance Director

11/9/2022

*Randy B. Scholz*

Randy B. Scholz, County Administrator

11/9/2022

1st Reading 12/19/2022 2nd Reading N/A  
Board Action - Vote Required 5/3  
For 19 Absent 2  
Against 0 Abstain 0  
Clerk Signature: *Jaclyn Adler*