

RESOLUTION #R-27-23

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE 2023-2025 BUDGET REQUESTS OF THE STATE PUBLIC DEFENDER'S OFFICE, DISTRICT ATTORNEYS ASSOCIATION, ASSOCIATION OF STATE PROSECUTORS, DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, AND DIRECTOR OF STATE COURTS

WHEREAS, the criminal justice system is a core constitutional responsibility of the State of Wisconsin with key services provided by the State Public Defender's Office, District Attorneys, the Department of Justice, and the judiciary; and

WHEREAS, though each of these offices have different fundamental roles and responsibilities, they are interrelated such that if one part of the system is under-resourced or inefficient, it impacts all others; and

WHEREAS, adequate resources for this constitutional service are necessary to protect constitutional rights and to protect public safety; and

WHEREAS, Marathon County is a critical partner with the state, providing resources, staffing, and infrastructure through the county jail, Sheriff's Department, Health and Human Services, and support staff in the District Attorney's office; and

WHEREAS, the State Public Defender's Office, District Attorneys, the Department of Justice, and the judiciary have collaborated to offer a thorough review of investments that are critical to ensure that Wisconsin meets its constitutional obligations to all citizens impacted by the justice system; and

WHEREAS, without these resources, Marathon County will face increased fiscal pressure to continue to provide these critical services using county resources or we will face additional threats to public safety and welfare.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Marathon County Board of Supervisors hereby requests that the Governor and the State Legislature fully support the 2023-25 Biennial Budget requests proposed jointly by the State Public Defender's Office, District Attorneys, the Department of Justice, and the judiciary to provide critical support to our state's criminal justice system services.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors directs the County Clerk to submit the resolution to the Governor, Marathon County Legislative Delegation, the Wisconsin Counties Association, Wisconsin State Public Defender Kelli Thompson, Wisconsin District Attorney's Association President Eric Toney, Director of State Courts, and Attorney General Josh Kaul.

Dated this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of May, 2023

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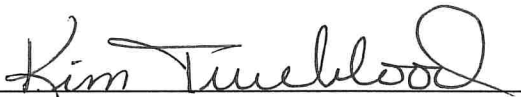
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Fiscal Impact: There is no direct fiscal impact as a result of the resolution; however, should the state budget provide funding as requested in the Justice Coalition white paper, Marathon County would likely see indirect fiscal benefits.

STATE OF WISCONSIN )  
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COUNTY OF MARATHON )

I, Kim Trueblood, County Clerk in and for Marathon County, Wisconsin, hereby certify that the attached Resolution #R-27-23 was adopted by the Marathon County Board of Supervisors at the Adjourned Annual Meeting which was held on April 25, 2023.

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Kim Trueblood  
Marathon County Clerk