

LANGLADE COUNTY



VOTE
16 AYES
4 ABSENT
1 VACANT

RESOLUTION #32-2022

INTRODUCED BY: PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

INTENT: REQUEST ADDITIONAL STATE FUNDING TO COVER THE EXPENSES ASSOCIATED WITH PROVIDING VICTIM WITNESS SERVICES

WHEREAS, Victim Witness programs are partially reimbursed by the State, funded primarily from a surcharge assessed to offenders and collected by the courts; when the program started in 1990s the costs associated with victim witness services were reimbursed at 90%, whereas this reimbursement rate has steadily declined to 40% in 2021-2022; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature has expanded the services required to be provided by the Victim Witness program but the reimbursement for these services has failed to keep pace with the costs associated with these services; an \$8 million-dollar increase was requested for Victim Witness services in the State Budget last year and Legislature only approved a \$1.5 million dollar increase; and

WHEREAS, the Committee urges the State Legislature to provide additional funding of \$12 million dollars in the next State Biennial Budget to support Victim Witness services that results in a substantial increase in the net percentage reimbursement to Counties for providing these important services.

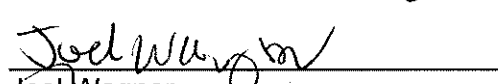
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Langlade County Board of Supervisors urges the Governor and the State Legislature to allocate more funding to reimburse the costs associated with Victim Witness Services.

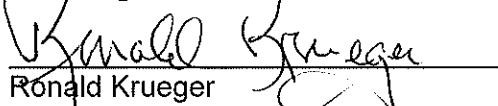
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Governor, the County's representatives in the State Legislature and the Wisconsin Counties Association.


PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE


Warren Wagner, Chairman


Reinhardt Balcerzak


Joel Wagner


Ronald Krueger


absent
Brian Zaverousky

FISCAL NOTE: Current State funding reimburses the County for approximately 40% of the cost of the Victim Witness Coordinator program. Requesting additional funding will help reduce the need for levy to fund these costs.

ADOPTED BY THE COUNTY BOARD OF LANGLADE
COUNTY THIS 28th DAY OF November, 2022.

Judy Nagel, Langlade Co. Clerk
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