

RESOLUTION NO. 23-08-16
SUPPORTING THE WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES
2017-2019 RECOMMENDATION FOR ADDITIONAL FUNDING
FOR CHILD WELFARE SERVICES

WHEREAS, protecting children and serving them and their families is an essential governmental duty; and

WHEREAS, county child welfare services are currently underfunded by the State of Wisconsin, causing counties to struggle to meet the needs of maltreated children and their families while abiding by tax levy limits; and

WHEREAS, Waushara County will spend approximately \$340,000 per year in county levy in order to meet state and federal child welfare standards; and

WHEREAS, Waushara County and other poor, rural counties will unlikely be unable to meet the needs of abused and neglected children in the future without cutting other crucial services to children, families and adults; and

WHEREAS, the State of Wisconsin has failed to keep up with the rising costs of child welfare services by not raising the Basic County Allocation for counties to provide such services in many years; and

WHEREAS, additional funding for child welfare services will have a significant impact on improving the county child protective services system.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Waushara County Board of Supervisors that:

- The State of Wisconsin increase county funding for child welfare services as recommended by the Department of Children and Families.
- State administrators work in collaboration with counties to address any changes that may need to be made to adequately protect and serve children and families within the child welfare system.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ALSO RESOLVED, that the County Clerk shall forward a copy of this resolution to the Governor of the State of Wisconsin, the Wisconsin Counties Association, the State Budget Secretary, the Wisconsin Department of Administration, and Waushara County's legislative representatives with the request that they assist in this endeavor.

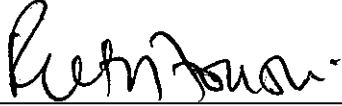
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Ayes ___ Nays ___ Abstain ___ Absent ___ Voice Vote

Approved and adopted this 16th day of August 2016.

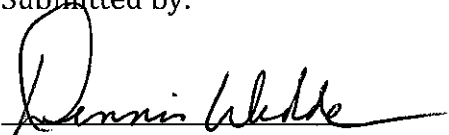
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Approved as to Form:



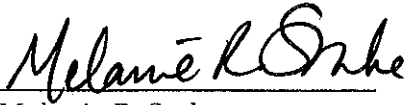
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Corporation Counsel

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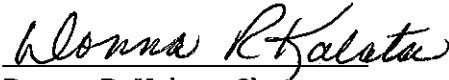
Dennis Wedde, Chair
Human Services Board

Attest:



Melanie R. Stake
Waushara County Clerk

Signed by:



Donna R. Kalata, Chair
Waushara County Board of Supervisors