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MARQUETTE COUNTY, WISCONSIN

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October 18, 2016 Session Resolution No. 77-2016

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF INCREASED 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, base funding for child welfare services has not increased since 2009; and

WHEREAS, over the past few years, the child welfare workload has increased in all counties across the state; and

WHEREAS, the number of child protective services (CPS) referrals has increased by 40 percent in Marquette County from 2011 to 2015; and

WHEREAS, counties are struggling to recruit and retain child welfare workers; and

WHEREAS, the stress of increasing caseloads is taking its toll on CPS workers, causing many experienced child welfare workers to leave the profession; and

WHEREAS, it is critical that counties have the resources necessary to ensure the safety of children in every corner of the state; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Marquette County Board of Supervisors does hereby request that the state of Wisconsin, in its 2017-19 state biennial budget, increase funding to counties in the Children and Family Aids allocation to assist counties in serving the increasing number of children and families in the child welfare system; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to Governor Scott Walker, Department of Children and Families Secretary Eloise Anderson, Department of Administration Secretary Scott Neitzel, Marquette County's Legislative Representatives, and the Wisconsin Counties Association.