Juneau County Board of Supervisors

Courthouse, 220 East State Street Mauston, Wisconsin 53948



RESOLUTION: No. 25-08

DATE: February 18, 2025

INTRODUCED BY: Executive Committee

SYNOPSIS: Requesting protection of Medicaid as it affects Aging and Disability Resource Centers (ADRCs)

WHEREAS, Members of Congress are now meeting to consider which of the proposed \$2.17 trillion in federal Medicaid cuts will be included in a reconciliation bill; and

WHEREAS, The reconciliation bill will likely move quickly through Congress before details are fully understood and before the public and members of local government have the opportunity to provide feedback regarding the consequences of the impact; and

WHEREAS, Cuts to Medicaid could significantly reduce Medicaid reimbursements to the county for mandated programs such as Children's Long Term Care for disabled children, Adult Family Care, or long-term elder care; and

WHEREAS, Federal Medicaid funding cuts will leave states and counties with holes in the budget, that would then either become the responsibility of the state or county. The alternative would be to deny services for the disabled, elderly, or mentally ill, causing harm to the well-being of citizens in our community or to cut other programs within the county that are not mandated; and

WHEREAS, Cuts to Medicaid and the Older Americans Act programs will hurt vulnerable individuals and families, the workers who provide these services, and the communities that must provide expensive crisis/hospital services when citizens experience health crises; and

WHEREAS, Aging and Disability Resource Centers (ADRCs) in Wisconsin offer a strong return on investment while significantly enhancing the well-being of individuals across the state. In 2023, every \$1 invested into ADRCs in Wisconsin led to a savings of \$3.88; and

WHEREAS, Federal Medicaid cuts would also be detrimental for Aging and Disability Resource Centers across the state of Wisconsin that rely on federal reimbursement to help fund critical services in local communities such as paying for long term care, options counseling, benefit specialist assistance and dementia care services; and

WHEREAS, Older Americans Act funding is necessary to continue the Juneau County senior nutrition program and additional aging programing that includes meals on wheels, congregate dining, and additional aging related programming; and

WHEREAS, other relevant information is set forth in the attached Fact Sheet:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Juneau County Board of Supervisors shall and hereby does request and urge our elected representatives that Medicaid and Older American Act cuts not be included in budget reconciliation bills. The Juneau County Board of Supervisors invites the local citizens to urge their legislators to reject proposals that reduce federal Medicaid funding and the Older Americans Act funding; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, a copy of the resolution shall be sent to the Governor of the State of Wisconsin, Wisconsin State Legislators with a constituency within Juneau County, the Wisconsin Counties Association, the National Counties Association, and the State of Wisconsin Federal Legislators with a constituency within Juneau County.

INTRODUCED AND RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION ON FEBRUARY 18, 2025.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

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Adopted by the County Board of Supervisors of Juneau County on February 18, 2025

Terri L. Treptow, Juneau County Clerk