

**RESOLUTION
ROCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

EVAS Committee
INITIATED BY



Sup. Doug Wilde
DRAFTED BY

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SUBMITTED BY

April 14, 2021
DATE DRAFTED

IN SUPPORT OF GOVERNOR EVERS' 2021-2023 EXECUTIVE BUDGET PROPOSALS FOR CAREGIVERS

- 1 **WHEREAS**, the percentage of Wisconsin's population age 65 and older is increasing; and
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3 **WHEREAS**, Wisconsin faces a critical shortage of direct care workers that leaves families and
4 individuals struggling to meet care needs; and
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6 **WHEREAS**, people with chronic conditions and disabilities are living longer, contributing to an even
7 higher demand for family caregivers in Wisconsin's future; and
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9 **WHEREAS**, preliminary results of a 2019 Family Caregiver Survey conducted for the Wisconsin
10 Family and Caregiver Support Alliance report that majority of the 612 survey respondents experience
11 caregiving difficulties, which include:
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13 - Not meeting their own personal care needs – 73%.
14 - Not balancing caregiving and work – 63%.
15 - Not balancing the needs of children and other family members – 60%.
16 - Not understanding government programs such as Medicaid, Medicare, SSI, etc. – 53%.
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18 **WHEREAS**, a majority of family caregivers who responded to this survey also noted personal impacts
19 such as:
20 - Fatigue – 72%.
21 - Decreased social life – 64%.
22 - Negative impacts on relationships with friends and/or family – 53%.
23 - Worsening emotional and/or physical health – 90%.
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25 **WHEREAS**, the emergence of the COVID-19 Pandemic has further heightened the need to implement
26 additional supports for family caregivers; and
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28 **WHEREAS**, the Governor's proposed 2021-2023 Executive Budget contains initiatives to support
29 family caregivers, which include:
30 • Investing over \$200 million to support family caregiving by creating a Caregiving Tax Credit
31 that provides up to a \$500 credit for qualified caregiving expenses.
32 • Providing additional funding for Aging and Disability Resource Centers, expands the dementia
33 care specialist program statewide, expands the tribal aging and disability resources specialist
34 program, the tribal disability benefit specialist program, and extends caregiver support services
35 to address the needs of caregivers of adults with disabilities who are age 19 to 59.
36 • Funding expansion of the Alzheimer's Family Caregiving Support program which provides
37 assistance to low-and-middle-income families throughout the state that have a family member
38 who is suffering from Alzheimer's disease, dementia, or another related memory disorder.

- 39 • Creating a pilot Tailored Caregiver Assessment and Referral (TCARE) program for family
 40 caregivers to provide evidence-based care management protocols designed to support family
 41 caregivers of adults with chronic or acute health conditions.
- 42 • Allowing family caregivers to use Wisconsin FMLA leave for those with chronic conditions for
 43 caregiving responsibilities and expand the list of individuals covered to include grandparents,
 44 grandchildren, and siblings.
- 45 • Providing funding to support a Family and Guardian Training Program as well as additional
 46 Ombudsmen positions at the Board of Aging and Long-Term Care.
- 47 • Ensuring that all eligible children receive service under the Children's Long-Term Support
 48 waiver program, providing long-term services to children with intellectual, physical and/or
 49 developmental disabilities, and severe emotional disturbances.
- 50 • Establishing requirements and standards for hospitals relating to caregivers when discharging
 51 patients.

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 53 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly
 54 assembled this 13th day of May, 2021, does hereby support the family caregiver support initiatives
 55 proposed by Governor Tony Evers and urge the Wisconsin State Legislature to include them in the
 56 2021-2023 Wisconsin State Budget.

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 59 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Rock County Clerk be authorized and directed to send
 60 copies of this resolution to Governor Evers, the Wisconsin Counties Association, and members of the
 61 Wisconsin State Legislature representing Rock County.

Respectfully submitted,

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