

RESOLUTION  
ROCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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INITIATED BY



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Human Service Board  
SUBMITTED BY

September 19, 2016  
DATE DRAFTED

**In Support of Increased Funding in the Children and Family Allocation (CFA)**

1 **WHEREAS**, the Department of Children and Families provides funding to Rock County  
2 through the Children and Family Allocation for the provision of child abuse and neglect  
3 services, including prevention, investigation, treatment, and out-of-home placement costs;  
4 and,  
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6 **WHEREAS**, base funding for child welfare services has not increased since the Department  
7 of Children and Families was created in 2009; and,  
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9 **WHEREAS**, over the past few years, the child welfare workload has increased in Rock  
10 County and throughout the state; and,  
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12 **WHEREAS**, the number of Rock County child protective services (CPS) referrals has  
13 increased by 25 percent since 2011 – from 2,829 referrals in 2011 to 3,535 referrals in 2015;  
14 and,  
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16 **WHEREAS**, the number of children in out-of-home care has increased 19 percent since 2011  
17 from 165 children in care in 2011 to 197 children in care in 2015; and,  
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19 **WHEREAS**, the number of same day initial assessment responses has increased by 91  
20 percent since 2014 from 94 same days in 2014 to 180 same days in 2016; and,  
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22 **WHEREAS**, the number of Children in Need of Protection and Services (CHIPS) petitions  
23 filed with the court has increased 15 percent since 2011 from 111 petitions in 2011 to 128  
24 petitions in 2015; and,  
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26 **WHEREAS**, Rock County is struggling to recruit and retain CPS social workers; and,  
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28 **WHEREAS**, the stress of increasing caseloads is taking its toll on CPS social workers,  
29 causing many experienced CPS social workers to leave the profession; and,  
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31 **WHEREAS**, the leading cause of these increases is the use of heroin, opiates, and complex  
32 mental health issues; and,  
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34 **WHEREAS**, it is critical that counties have the resources necessary to ensure the safety of  
35 children; and,  
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37 **WHEREAS**, Rock County and counties throughout the state are struggling to identify  
38 resources to increase child welfare staff, especially given the significant overmatch counties  
39 already put in the human services system.  
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41 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly  
42 assembled this 13<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2016 does hereby request that the state of  
43 Wisconsin, in its 2017-19 state biennial budget, increase funding to counties in the Children  
44 and Family Allocation to assist counties in serving the increasing number of children and  
45 families in the child welfare system; and,  
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47 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a copy of this resolution be sent to Governor Scott  
48 Walker, Department of Children and Families Secretary Eloise Anderson, Department of

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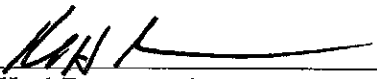
49 Administration Secretary Scott Neitzel, Rock County legislative delegation, and the  
50 Wisconsin Counties Association.

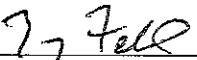
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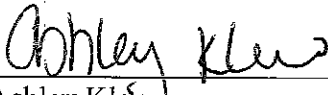
  
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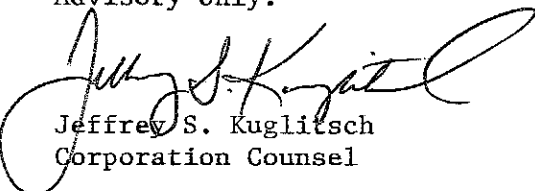
FISCAL NOTE:

This resolution is a request for additional children and family funding to be included in the next state budget.

  
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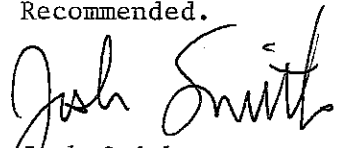
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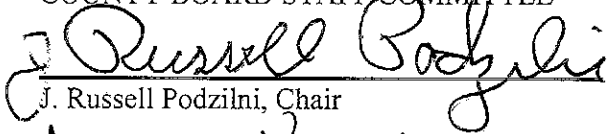
  
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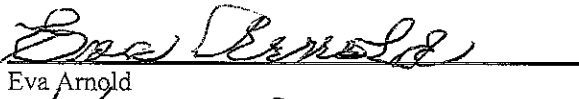
Recommended.

  
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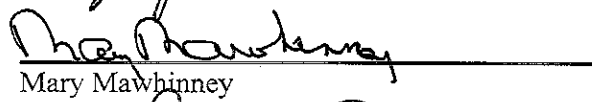
  
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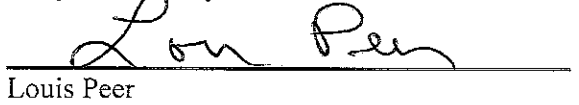
  
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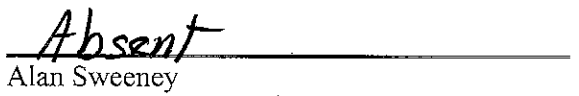
  
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