



RUSK COUNTY

RESOLUTION # 21-04

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF INCREASED COUNTY CHILD SUPPORT FUNDING

TO THE RUSK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

ROLL CALL Board Members	AYE (Yes)	NAY (No)	Abstain / Excused
1. TERRY DUSELL			
2. JERRY BILLER			
3. ALAN RATHSACK			
4. TONY HAUSER			
5. TIMOTHY MILLER			
6. ROBERT STOUT			
7. RANDY TATUR			
8. LYLE LIEFFRING			
9. BILL MCBAIN			
10. KEN PEDERSEN			
11. PHIL SCHNEIDER			
12. JIM MEYER			
13. MARK SCHMITT			
14. LISA DOBROWOLSKI			
15. TOM HANSON			
16. JOSH UNTERSHUETZ			
17. DAVE WILLINGHAM			
18. MICHAEL HRABAN			
19. KEN BROWN			
TOTAL			

BOARD ACTION

Vote Required: Majority Vote of a Quorum

Motion to Approve Adopted

1st Schmitt Defeated

2nd Schneider

No: Yes: Exc:

Reviewed by:

_____, Corp. Counsel

Reviewed by:

_____, Finance Director

FISCAL IMPACT: (Note if there is any fiscal impact or not)

Certification:

I, Connie Meyer, Clerk of Rusk County, hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of a resolution that was adopted on the 26 day of January, 2020 by the Rusk County Board of Supervisors.

Connie Meyer
County Clerk, Rusk County

1 WHEREAS: Rusk County administers the Child Support Enforcement
2 Program on behalf of the state, providing services to Rusk County
3 Residents including paternity establishment, obtaining child support and
4 health insurance orders for children, and enforcing and modifying those
5 orders; and
6 WHEREAS: Our children's well-being, economic security and success
7 in life are enhanced by parents who provide financial and emotional
8 support; and
9 WHEREAS: County child support agencies collected \$935 Million in
10 child support during 2019 and established 98,405 health insurance orders
11 for Wisconsin children; and
12 WHEREAS: Rusk County's Child Support Agency provides services to
13 children as well as custodial and non-custodial parents that reduce
14 childhood poverty rates, establish parental rights and promote the
15 involvement of both parents in the lives of their children; and
16 WHEREAS: The economic security and social service programs
17 provided by Rusk County's Child Support Agency are needed by
18 Wisconsin children and families now more than ever due to the economic
19 downturn caused by COVID-19; and
20 WHEREAS: State funding for county child support services has failed to
21 keep up with county agency costs, which have steadily increased due to
22 growing caseloads, inflation and new federal regulations; and
23 WHEREAS: Wisconsin's Child Support Enforcement Program has
24 fallen from 2nd in the nation for collecting current support to 5th; and
25 WHEREAS: Wisconsin's decreased performance has led to the state
26 losing out on an estimated \$70,000 in potential federal incentive
27 payments between Calendar Year 2019 and 2020; and
28 WHEREAS: An abrupt federal interpretation change in June 2019
29 eliminated \$4.2 million in federal birth cost recovery matching funds for
30 Wisconsin; and
31 WHEREAS: Wisconsin's strong performance in child support is at risk
32 without additional state funding. Further drops in performance would
33 result in additional reductions to federal funding for Wisconsin; and
34 WHEREAS: Decreased federal funding results in less funding for Rusk
35 County's child support agency. This could lead to reductions in child
36 support enforcement staff and services and reduced child support
37 collections; and
38 WHEREAS: New state investments in child support are amplified by a
39 generous federal match. Every \$1 of state GPR invested in the Child
40 Support Program generates roughly \$2 in federal matching funds; and
41 WHEREAS: Wisconsin's Child Support Enforcement Program is
42 incredibly cost-effective, collecting an average of \$6.20 in support for
43 every dollar invested in the program.
44 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Rusk County Board**
45 **of Supervisors respectfully requests that state funding for county**
46 **child support agencies be increased by \$4 million GPR in each fiscal**
47 **year of the 2021-23 Wisconsin state budget, which will generate**
48 **approximately \$7.7 million in additional federal funding each year.**
49 **This investment will ensure that Wisconsin counties can continue to**
50 **effectively provide economic support to our children.**


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IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be forwarded by the County Clerk to the Governor of the State of Wisconsin, State Senators and State Representatives representing Rusk County, the Secretary of the Wisconsin Department of Administration, and the Wisconsin Counties Association for consideration

SUBMITTED BY:


Rusk County Health & Human Services Board



Phil Schneider, Chairman


Randy Tatur, Vice Chairman



Tim Miller



Bill McBain



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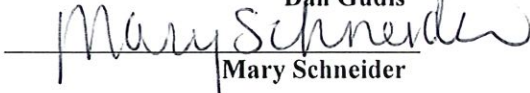

John Ziemer


Josh Unterschuetz


Ken Brown


Mark Schmitt


Dan Gudis


Mary Schneider