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RESOLUTION #64-2016

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF INCREASED
FUNDING IN THE CHILDREN AND FAMILY AIDS ALLOCATION**

Resolution offered by the Supervisors of the Social Services Committee.

Resolved by the Board of Supervisors of Oneida County, Wisconsin:

WHEREAS, the Department of Children and Families provides funding to counties through the Children and Family Aids allocation for the provision of child abuse and neglect services, including prevention, investigation, treatment, and out-of-home placement costs; and

WHEREAS, base funding for child welfare services has not increased since the Department of Children and Families was created in 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 30 percent since 2007 – from 55,895 referrals in 2007 to 72,698 in 2014; and

WHEREAS, the number of children in out-of-home care has increased from 7,653 in 2011 to 8,258 in 2015; and

WHEREAS, the number of screened-in CPS reports has increased from 18,706 in 2011 to 20,384 in 2015; and

WHEREAS, the number of Children in Need of Protection and Services (CHIPS) petitions filed with the court has increased 12.5 percent from 2008 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, the leading cause of these increases is the use of heroin, opiates, and methamphetamines; and

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

WHEREAS, counties are struggling to identify resources to increase child welfare staff, especially given the significant overmatch counties already put in the human services system.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Oneida 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

54 Administration Secretary Scott Neitzel, area legislators, and the Wisconsin Counties
55 Association.

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59 Vote Required: Majority = _____ 2/3 Majority = _____ 3/4 Majority = _____

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61 The County Board has the legal authority to adopt: Yes _____ No _____ as reviewed
62 by the Corporation Counsel, _____, Date:
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65 Approved by the Social Services Committee this 29th day of September, 2016.

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67 Consent Agenda Item: _____ YES NO

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96 by the County Board of Supervisors this _____ day _____, 2016.

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Mary Bartelt, County Clerk

_____ David Hintz, County Board Chair