

2 **RESOLUTION: Support Legislation to End the Use of Personal Conviction Waivers for**
3 **School and Day Care Center Immunizations**

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6 **TO THE WINNEBAGO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:**

7 **WHEREAS**, vaccine-preventable diseases, such as measles, are highly contagious and can result in serious
8 health complications, including pneumonia and encephalitis, and lead to death; and

9 **WHEREAS**, outbreaks of measles have impacted multiple states in 2019, and a measles exposure was
10 recorded in Wisconsin in 2018; and

11 **WHEREAS**, the effectiveness and safety of vaccines have been well established; and

12 **WHEREAS**, the Affordable Care Act has allowed greater access to insurance coverage for vaccinations,
13 which are readily available in medical offices and pharmacies, and public health departments continue to serve those
14 eligible for the Vaccines for Children Program; and

15 **WHEREAS**, Wisconsin’s immunization laws, §252.04(3), Wis Stats, and §DHS 144.06, Wisconsin
16 Administrative Code, permit parents to opt out of or waive some or all of the vaccinations required to attend school or
17 group day care based on their personal beliefs; and

18 **WHEREAS**, the Wisconsin Public Health Association supports a change in school and day care center
19 immunization law that eliminates personal conviction waivers for students in Wisconsin public and private schools
20 and for children who attend group day cares.

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22 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that it hereby
23 respectfully requests that the Wisconsin Legislature end the use of personal conviction waivers for school and day
24 care center immunizations.

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26 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that it hereby directs the
27 Winnebago County Clerk to forward a copy of this Resolution to the Office of Governor Tony Evers, the Wisconsin
28 Counties Association, and all state senators and assembly members representing Winnebago County constituents.

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30 Respectfully submitted by:

31 **BOARD OF HEALTH**

32 Committee Vote: **7-0**

33 Vote Required for Passage: **Majority of Those Present**

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35 Approved by the Winnebago County Executive this ____ day of _____, 2019.

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38 Mark L Harris
39 Winnebago County Executive