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RESOLUTION: Increase the fee to attend the Parent Education Program Partners in Parenting from \$10 per parent to \$20 per parent

TO THE WINNEBAGO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

8 **WHEREAS**, Wis. Stat. 767.401 provides that a court may require any parent involved in an action affecting
9 the family or in an action to determine paternity of a child to attend an educational course that addresses the effects
10 of a dissolution of marriage on the child, child development, family dynamics, parenting skills and co-parenting skills;
11 and

12 **WHEREAS**, Winnebago County Local Court Rule 3.20 requires all parents ordered to participate in custody
13 mediation to participate in the Parent Education Program offered by the Office of Family Court Services and all
14 parents who are parties to a paternity action to attend the Parent Education Program; and

15 **WHEREAS**, participation in parent education programming and mediation helps to reduce the caseload in
16 the family court system and reduces litigation overall; and

17 **WHEREAS**, since 2010, the Office of Family Court Services and the Child Support Office shared
18 responsibility for administering the parent education course; and

19 **WHEREAS**, in August 2021, the Child Support Office relinquished all involvement in the parent education
20 course, and the Office of Family Court Services now provides all preparation, administration and teaching of the
21 twice monthly offered program; and

22 **WHEREAS**, the expense involved with the course is not covered by the current fee of \$10 per parent, which
23 has not been reviewed or increased since 2001; and

24 **WHEREAS**, raising the fee charged to parents for attending the course from \$10 to \$20 will put Winnebago
25 County in line with other, similarly situated counties, will cover the cost of staff salary for time spent providing this
26 service, and will generate additional revenue to improve the product provided to the parents.

27 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that the fee to
28 attend the Parent Education Program Partners in Parenting, offered by the Office of Family Court Services to parents
29 involved in the family court system, be increased from \$10 per parent to \$20 per parent.
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32 *Fiscal Note: No budget transfer is required. The proposed fee change would increase revenue to the County by*
33 *an amount which will vary from year to year, estimated to average approximately \$2,450 per year.*
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35 Respectfully submitted by:
36 **JUDICIARY & PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**

37 Committee Vote: _____

38 Respectfully submitted by:
39 **PERSONNEL & FINANCE COMMITTEE**

40 Committee Vote: _____

41 Vote Required for Passage: **Majority of Members Present**

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Approved by the Winnebago County Executive this ____ day of _____, 2022.

Jonathan D. Doemel
Winnebago County Executive