

RESOLUTION: Oppose the Centralization of Economic Support Programs as Proposed in The Governor’s Biennium Budget

TO THE WINNEBAGO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

WHEREAS, Wisconsin has a long history of providing social services through county government; and

WHEREAS, these programs include eligibility determination for Family Care and the Caretaker Supplement, Medicaid, Badger Care, Food Share, Energy Assistance, Child Care, and Wisconsin Works; and

WHEREAS, in Winnebago County those services are provided by the Department of Human Services, Economic Support Unit; and

WHEREAS, the current biennium budget calls for the centralization of the Medicaid including Family Care and Badger Care, and Food Share programs, thus eliminating local access to economic support services; and

WHEREAS, there are approximately 30,000 citizens of Winnebago County receiving these services; and

WHEREAS, without the knowledge and experience of local personalized assistance many of these citizens may lose their benefits.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors go on record opposing the centralization of these services and encourage our county’s legislators to vote against this portion of the Governor’s Biennium Budget.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to this county’s legislative delegation, as well as the offices of the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and Secretary of State.

Submitted by:

HUMAN SERVICES BOARD

Committee Vote:

Vote Requirement for Passage:

Majority of those present

Approved by the Winnebago County Executive this _____ day of May, 2011.

Mark L. Harris