1 169-52015 **RESOLUTION: Urge the Wisconsin Legislature to Seek Rate Increase Funding Sources** 2 in Order to Avoid Further Medicaid Rate Cuts to Most Nursing Homes As 3 Proposed in Senate/Assembly Bill 21, 2015 – 17 State Biennial Budget 4 Bill. 5 6 7 TO THE WINNEBAGO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS: 8 WHEREAS, Wisconsin Governor Scott Walker has introduced his proposed Wisconsin State Budget for 9 fiscal years 2016/2017; and 10 WHEREAS, the Wisconsin Legislature, more specifically the Joint Finance Committee, has and will be 11 undertaking the task of debating the Governors Budget and making tough fiscal decisions for the State for the next 12 two-year period; and 13 WHEREAS, the Governor's proposed Budget fails to provide rate increases for nursing homes; and 14 WHEREAS, the Governor's proposed Budget fails to provide nursing homes with acuity adjustments to recognize the residents they are caring for have greater service needs than they have in the past; and 15 16 WHEREAS, without additional Medicaid funding for nursing homes, approximately 80% of the state's 376 17 nursing facilities will receive a cut in their July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2016 Medicaid rate; and 18 WHEREAS, the most recent comprehensive analysis of the nation's Medicaid nursing home payment systems ranked the Wisconsin system the 3rd worst in the country ("Report on Shortfalls in Medicaid Funding for 19 Nursing Care Center"; Eljay, LLP, January 2014). 20 21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that it hereby 22 23 urges the Wisconsin Legislature to seek alternative revenue sources in order to reduce the borrowing component of 24 the Governors proposed FY 2016/2017 State Transportation budget. 25 Respectfully submitted by: 26 27 LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE 28 Committee Vote: 8-1 29 Vote Required for Passage: Majority of Those Present 30 31 Approved by the Winnebago County Executive this _____ day of ______, 2012. 32 33

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