**RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_ - 2021**

**AUTHORIZING THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN ServiceS TO HIRE ONE FULL TIME (1.0 fte) CHILDREN’S LONG TERM SUPPORT SOCIAL WORKER AS A RESULT OF THE STATE’S MANAGEMENT OF WAITLIST AND COMMITMENT TO WAITLIST ELIMINATION**

**Fiscal Impact: [ ] None [ ] Budgeted Expenditure [ x ] Not Budgeted**

***Background:*** Sauk County Department of Human Services has evaluated its use of social workers within the Children’s Long Term Support (CLTS) Unit. This evaluation process has determined the need to increase social work staff in order to provide effective services and maintain current staff. Since February 2020, Sauk County’s CLTS program has increased total enrollment by 36% due to State waitlist elimination initiatives. In February 2020, Sauk County CLTS served 105 children as compared to currently serving 143 children. If CLTS continues to experience this level of increase, the program could be serving 195 children by this time next year. The increased referrals are the result of the statewide waitlist elimination initiatives, which began with short notice in January 2021. This action was taken by the State outside of County budgeting cycles with limited notice to Counties. It takes approximately six months to train and prepare a social worker in this service area.

 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** by the Sauk County Board of Supervisors, met in regular session, that the Sauk County Board of Supervisors authorize the Sauk County Department of Human Services to immediately hire one full time (1.0 FTE) Children’s Long Term Support Social Worker position to serve the children and families of Sauk County as soon as possible.

For consideration by the Sauk County Board of Supervisors on April 20, 2021.

Respectfully submitted,

**SAUK COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES BOARD**

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