

**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING CHANGE FOR RETURNING FEDERAL FUNDS
FROM CERTIFIED PUBLIC EXPENDITURES OF COUNTY NURSING
HOMES**

TO THE IOWA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

WHEREAS, Iowa County owns and operates a 85-bed skilled nursing facility that provides a safety net for a population that has difficulty securing services elsewhere because of the special and expensive care that is required; and

WHEREAS, the facility operates at a loss each year because of the difficulty and high cost of providing care, and Iowa County has been forced to fund approximately \$200,000 per year to supplement the facility's operating losses; and

WHEREAS, the State of Wisconsin claims those losses in reports to the federal government and receives 58% matching funds to compensate for the reported losses under the Certified Public Expenditure (CPE) program; and

WHEREAS, the State of Wisconsin claimed approximately \$90,000,000 in Federal funds for state-wide governmental nursing home losses in budget years 2005-2007, and diverted these funds from counties to the State's Medicaid Trust Fund; and

WHEREAS, the State of Wisconsin decreased supplemental funding from the Intergovernmental Transfer Program (ITP) for governmental nursing homes from \$54,773,148 to \$37,100,000 and diverted \$17,673,148 from counties to the State's Medicaid Trust Fund resulting in a \$79,466 decrease in ITP funds to Bloomfield Manor; and

WHEREAS, the 2007-2009 State Budget adopted by Governor Doyle estimates claiming \$77,000,000 in Federal Funds for state-wide governmental nursing home losses and diverting these funds from counties to the state's Medicaid Trust Fund

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Iowa County Board of Supervisors supports returning all Federal funds received from the Certified Public Expenditures of county nursing homes be returned to the county nursing homes in order to bring direct tax relief to the citizens of Iowa County.

Dated this 1st day of November 2007.

Respectfully submitted by the
Bloomfield Manor Committee