

RESOLUTION NO. 8-195

SUPPORTING INCREASE TO COMMUNITY AIDS FUNDING

WHEREAS, The Community Aids funding has allowed the State of Wisconsin to control the rate of growth of its costs for increasing human services needed by its citizens; and

WHEREAS, Counties are dependent upon Community Aids as the last funding source available to pay for essential human services before placing these costs on the local property tax levy; and

WHEREAS, The need for human services is growing faster than the rate of increase of Community Aids funding, as seen in the accelerating costs of out-of-home placements for children and youth, the growing waiting lists for services to adults with developmental disabilities or mental illness attempting to live outside institutional settings, and the growing cost of human services funded by the county property taxes; and

WHEREAS, Earlier in 1994 the Governor proposed that the 1994 Basic County Allocation of Community Aids be increased from a mere 0.7% to a 3.0% increase, an amount not commensurate with anticipated cost increases, including the rate increases at the State institutions themselves; and

WHEREAS, The Governor and Legislature have agreed to dramatically increase State funding for public schools during the next three years and reduce property tax funds accordingly, without specifying the extent of other State funding cuts or tax increases to accomplish this.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Iowa County Board of Supervisors hereby urges the GOVERNOR and the LEGISLATURE to continue support for increases to Community Aids funding in the STATE BUDGET commensurate with the actual costs of adequately meeting those human services needs; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Honorable Governor: TOMMY G. THOMPSON, area State Senator and Representatives and Wisconsin Counties Association.

Dated this 17th day of January, 1995.

Respectfully Submitted,

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