

TO THE HONORABLE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF BERRIEN COUNTY, MICHIGAN:
Your County Administration Committee respectfully recommends the adoption of the following

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, on July 21, 2021, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services issued a Memorandum inviting Berrien County to apply for a Raise the Age grant that would reimburse Berrien County for 100% of all costs of adding 17 year olds to our Juvenile caseload up to a maximum of \$275,000; and

WHEREAS, effective October 21, 2021, legislation will go into effect which raises the age of who is considered an adult under the criminal justice system from 17 to 18 years old, thus adding 17 year olds to the juvenile justice system; and

WHEREAS, this grant opportunity is intended to ease the financial transition of implementation of "Raise the Age" legislation to reimburse counties for all additional costs of adding 17 year olds to their juvenile justice system; and

WHEREAS, the Berrien County Trial Court Juvenile Division has estimated that the additional costs of adding 17 years olds to our caseload will be approximately \$275,0000; and

WHEREAS, it is anticipated that this grant will reimburse us for the estimated additional costs of adding 17 year olds to our caseload up to \$275,000; and

WHEREAS, the grant is effective from October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2022 and there is no cash match requirement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Berrien County Board of Commissioners authorizes the Family Division to submit a grant application to the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services for a Raise the Age grant in the amount of \$275,000.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED
BERRIEN COUNTY ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

Jim Curran, Chairperson

Don Meeks, Vice Chairperson

David Vollrath

Julie Wuerfel

RESOLUTION APPROVED AS TO FORM	
Administrator <u>BJ</u>	Date <u>8-2-21</u>
Comments Attached _____	
Corporate Council _____	Date _____
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