

September 16, 2021

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

**RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, the Berrien County Board of Commissioners via resolution #A2108291, authorized the Berrien County Trial Court/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; and

**WHEREAS**, effective October 21, 2021, Michigan state 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**, the grant is intended to reimburse the Berrien County Trial Court for the estimated additional costs of adding 17 year olds to our caseload up to \$275,000; and

**WHEREAS**, Berrien County has been awarded \$275,000 for the FY 21/22 grant years effective October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2022 in funding for reimbursement for our additional costs of adding 17 year olds to our caseload; and

**WHEREAS**, the grant does not require a cash match and is a reimbursement structured grant to cover invoices for expenses related to the grant.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED** that the Berrien County Board of Commissioners authorizes the Berrien County Trial Court to accept the award from the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services to reimburse the Berrien County Trial Court for the additional costs of adding 17 year olds to our juvenile caseload, and authorizes the County Administrator to electronically sign the FY21/22 Grant Agreement contract between the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services and Berrien County.

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED  
BERRIEN COUNTY ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE**

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Jim Curran, Chairperson

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Don Meeks, Vice Chairperson

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David Vollrath

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Julie Wuerfel

<b>RESOLUTION APPROVED AS TO FORM</b>	
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Corporate Counsel _____	Date _____
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