

**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 #A2107280, authorized the Berrien County Trial Court/Family Division to apply for funding from the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services in the form of a Title IV-E Child and Parent Legal Representation Grant; and

**WHEREAS**, the grant will allow the Family Division to pass through Title IV-E administrative dollars to support high quality child and parent legal representation in child protective proceedings; and

**WHEREAS**, Berrien County has been awarded \$146,343 for the FY 21/22 grant years effective October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2022 in funding for projects related to quality legal representation; 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; and

**WHEREAS**, the funding provides monies to support high quality child and legal representation in child protective proceedings, including training, ancillary legal services, provision of a social worker to parents' attorneys and planning/implementation of a Parent Partner program.

**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 implement projects related to quality legal representation, 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

RESOLUTION APPROVED AS TO FORM	
Administrator <u>[Signature]</u>	Date <u>9-29-21</u>
Comments Attached _____	
Corporate Counsel _____	Date _____
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