

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

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, effective October 21, 2021, Michigan state legislation went 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 Michigan Department of Health and Human Services has 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 (not covered by the Child Care Fund) up to a maximum of \$346,670; 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

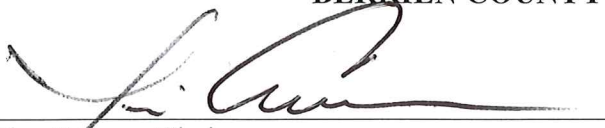
WHEREAS, Berrien County Trial Court Juvenile Division received this grant for FY 2021/2022 and FY 2022/2023; and

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 \$346,670 for the FY 2023/2024 and anticipate that the grant will reimburse for that estimated cost; and

WHEREAS, the grant is effective from October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2024 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 \$346,670.00.

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED
BERRIEN COUNTY ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE**



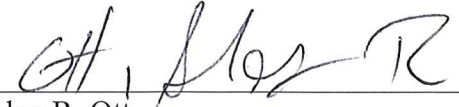
Jim Curran, Chairperson



David Vollrath, Vice Chairperson



Julie Wuerfel



Alex R. Ott

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