

3 **RESOLUTION: Authorize Winnebago County to Become a Member of the Marsh Country**
4 **Health Alliance Commission in Dodge County**

6 **TO THE WINNEBAGO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:**

7 **WHEREAS**, Dodge County currently owns and operates a facility known as Clearview Long
8 Term Care and Rehabilitation (Clearview), which, among other things, is a skilled nursing facility and
9 facility for the developmentally disabled; and,

10 **WHEREAS**, Winnebago County currently authorizes placement of Winnebago County residents
11 at Clearview for purposes of receiving services under a protective placement order, guardianship, and/or
12 private placement; and,

13 **WHEREAS**, Winnebago County anticipates a need to place Winnebago County residents in
14 Clearview for the foreseeable future; and,

15 **WHEREAS**, Dodge County currently provides funding necessary to operate Clearview at a rate
16 that exceeds the Medicaid reimbursement rate, thus creating a situation in which Dodge County is
17 contributing Dodge County tax levy funds for the care of Winnebago County (and other counties)
18 residents; and,

19 **WHEREAS**, Dodge County has expressed concerns regarding the continued financial viability of
20 Clearview in view of Dodge County's increasing tax levy commitment to Clearview's operations; and,

21 **WHEREAS**, it is in the best interests of Winnebago County to ensure the continued financial
22 viability of Clearview as an appropriate placement alternative given the high costs associated with
23 placements at other facilities including the state centers; and,

24 **WHEREAS**, Dodge County and other counties have studied the possibility of creating an
25 intergovernmental commission pursuant to § 66.0301, et seq., Wis Stats, to be known as Marsh Country
26 Health Alliance Commission; and,

27 **WHEREAS**, the creation of the Commission will allow Clearview to continue its operations with
28 funding provided from all of the counties that are members of the Commission; and,

29 **WHEREAS**, the legal authority and goals of the Commission are set forth in the
30 Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement creating Marsh Country Health Alliance Commission; and,

31 **WHEREAS**, in accordance with the provisions of the Intergovernmental Cooperation
32 Agreement, Dodge County shall contract with the Commission for the purposes of (1) leasing a portion
33 of Clearview to the Commission and (2) providing for the administration, maintenance, and operation of
34 the leased portion of Clearview; and,

35 **WHEREAS**, the goals of the Commission as set forth in the Intergovernmental Cooperation
36 Agreement are in accordance with the philosophy and public policy objectives of Winnebago County;
37 and,

