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

TO THE WINNEBAGO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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WHEREAS, § 66.0301, et seq., Wis Stats, and the Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement require each participating county to execute the Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement before the Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement will become effective and binding; and, WHEREAS, it is the intent of this Resolution to authorize Winnebago County to create and become a member of the Commission and authorizes the appropriate Winnebago County officials appointed in accordance with the rules and procedures of Winnebago County to finalize and execute an Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement with the Commission. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that it hereby approves and authorizes and directs the appropriate Winnebago County Officials to sign the Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement after receipt of preliminary approval from the other participating counties, approval from the Board Supervisor appointed as the representative for Winnebago County on the Commission, and approval of the Winnebago County Corporation Counsel. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that it hereby authorizes the Winnebago County Executive to appoint a County Board Supervisor to act as the representative for Winnebago County on the Commission and to otherwise take all action necessary to effectuate the intent of this Resolution. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that, after the Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement has been executed, Winnebago County is authorized to expend funds related to the placement of persons in Clearview and otherwise comply with the terms and conditions of the Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that the initial membership fee of \$5,000 shall be paid to the Commission from funds in the Winnebago County Department of Human Services' 2012 Budget, and the Winnebago County Treasurer is hereby authorized and directed to make such payment. Respectfully submitted by: **HUMAN SERVICES BOARD** Committee Vote: 9-0 Respectfully submitted by: PERSONNEL AND FINANCE COMMITTEE Committee Vote: 3-0 Vote Required for Passage: Two-Thirds of Membership Approved by the Winnebago County Executive this _____ day of _______, 2012.

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