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## RESOLUTION 2009-11

### RESOLUTION URGING THE LEGISLATURE AND THE GOVERNOR TO HOLD COUNTIES HARMLESS FROM THE INCREASED COUNTY CHILD CARE FUND EXPENSES ASSOCIATED WITH THE AGREEMENT REACHED BETWEEN THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES AND CHILDREN'S RIGHTS

**WHEREAS**, the State of Michigan, Department of Human Services was sued by Children's Rights regarding the care of children in foster care; and

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Human Services settled the case out-of-court without consent or consultation from Michigan's counties; and

**WHEREAS**, Michigan counties are the funding source for one-half of the costs of foster care and juvenile justice services in the State of Michigan; and

**WHEREAS**, the cost of the settlement agreement between the Department of Human Services and Children's Rights would require Michigan counties to pay without their consent, up to \$32,000,000 per year statewide in *calculable costs*, with additional county costs evident that are not able to be calculated; and

**WHEREAS**, Michigan's counties face staggering cuts to services across the board due to declining property tax base, state funding cuts to support mandated services, increasing responsibilities eliminated from the state government being forced to counties, and increasing state regulation.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Clinton County Board of Commissioners urges the legislature and the Governor to hold counties harmless from the increased County Child Care Fund expenses associated with the agreement reached between the Dept. of Human Services and Children's Rights; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to Governor Jennifer Granholm, Senator Alan Cropsey, Representative Richard Ball and Representative Paul Opsommer, and the Michigan Association of Counties.

## STATE OF MICHIGAN

## COUNTY OF CLINTON

I, DIANE ZUKER, Clerk of the County of Clinton do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted by the Clinton County Board of Commissioners at the regular meeting held June 30, 2009 and is on file in the records of this office.

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Diane Zuker, Clinton County Clerk