

1 **WASHINGTON COUNTY, WISCONSIN**

2 Date of enactment: 6/13/18

3 Date of publication: 6/21/18

4 **VOTE**

5 **2018 RESOLUTION 13**

6 **Support for State Funded Treatment Alternatives and Diversion**  
7 **Operating While Intoxicated (TAD OWI) Program**

8 **WHEREAS**, the TAD program was created to reduce recidivism, increase public safety  
9 and reduce the jail population; and

10 **WHEREAS**, from 2007 through 2014, the Wisconsin Department of Justice offered grant  
11 funding for the TAD program which was administered through the Washington County Sheriff’s  
12 Department, providing diversion of 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and misdemeanor 4<sup>th</sup> time OWI offenders to a  
13 structured treatment program; and

14 **WHEREAS**, in 2015, the Human Services Department began administering the TAD  
15 program with TAD grant funding offered by the Wisconsin Department of Justice; and

16 **WHEREAS**, in 2017, the TAD grant program changed the target population in the  
17 program from 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and misdemeanor 4<sup>th</sup> time OWI offenders to clients that are charged with  
18 non-violent misdemeanors and diagnosed with Opioid Use Disorder; and

19 **WHEREAS**, in January 2018, the Criminal Justice Coordinating Committee (CJCC)  
20 considered the findings of a study conducted by the University of Wisconsin-Washington County  
21 regarding the effectiveness of the TAD OWI program, concluding that participants in the program  
22 were 80% less likely to be re-arrested for OWI than the control group – a 2.6% recidivism for  
23 participants versus a 13.2% recidivism for the control group; and

24 **WHEREAS**, Washington County is requesting the State of Wisconsin reinstate the TAD  
25 OWI program and provide counties funding for same; and

26 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Washington County Board of  
27 Supervisors that this Board supports the reinstatement of the TAD OWI Program and further  
28 requests the State of Wisconsin provide funding to counties to support the program.

29 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Washington County Board of Supervisors that  
30 this Board supports and urges Governor Scott Walker and the Wisconsin Legislature to pass  
31 legislation that provides funding for the TAD OWI program.

32 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a copy of this resolution shall be forwarded by the  
33 Washington County Clerk to the Wisconsin Counties Association, all State Representatives,  
34 Senators and Governor Scott Walker.

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VOTE REQUIREMENT FOR PASSAGE: Majority

RESOLUTION SUMMARY: Support for State funding to counties to reinstate the TAD-OWI program.

APPROVED: Introduced by members of the EXECUTIVE  
(signed by Bradley S. Stern) COMMITTEE as filed with the County Clerk.  
Bradley S. Stern, County Attorney

Dated 6/14/18 (signed by Donald A. Kriefall)  
Donald A. Kriefall, Chairperson

Considered 6/13/18  
Adopted 6/13/18  
Ayes 24 Noes 0 Absent 2  
Voice Vote \_\_\_\_\_

(Due to the recognized need for a TAD OWI program, Washington County has committed to \$250,000 of funding for 2018 and 2019 program costs. Reinstating the TAD OWI program and providing funding for the same could provide savings up to \$125,000 annually for the County.)