

1 **WASHINGTON COUNTY, WISCONSIN**

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3 Date of enactment: 11/14/18

4 Date of publication: 11/23/18

5 **VOTE**

6 **2018 RESOLUTION 57**

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8 **Advisory Resolution Supporting the Improvement of**  
9 **Instructional Programs for Nursing Aides**

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11 **WHEREAS**, 2017 Assembly Bill 432 passed the Wisconsin State Assembly with  
12 bipartisan support, but failed to pass the State Senate; and

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14 **WHEREAS**, Wisconsin’s classroom hours prerequisite is in excess of the federally  
15 mandated 75 hours required under 42 CFR 483.152 (a) for nursing aide training; and

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17 **WHEREAS**, in recent years, recruitment challenges for nursing aides, in particular  
18 Certified Nursing Assistants (CNAs), has resulted in staffing shortages at Samaritan Campus,  
19 which has about twenty nursing aide vacancies; and

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21 **WHEREAS**, the State has implemented Fast Forward and other grants in an attempt to  
22 spur the number of people entering nursing aide training programs; and

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24 **WHEREAS**, future registered nurses are required to obtain a Certified Nursing Assistant  
25 (CNA) certificate, yet are not required to work in the role more than 8 hours per year to keep  
26 their certification; and

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28 **WHEREAS**, Wisconsin Congressman Sean Duffy recently introduced the “Nursing  
29 Home Workforce Quality Act,” which, among other reforms, would limit lockouts of nursing  
30 home directed CNA training courses;

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32 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Washington County Board of  
33 Supervisors requests the State of Wisconsin adopt the federal requirement that a nurse aide  
34 training and competency evaluation program consist of no less than seventy-five (75) clock  
35 hours of training.

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37 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Washington County Board of Supervisors  
38 supports the intent of the Nursing Home Workforce Quality act and requests the State of  
39 Wisconsin do the same.

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41 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** the Washington County Board directs a copy of this  
42 resolution to be sent to the Office of the Governor, the Secretary of the Department of Health  
43 Services, Wisconsin’s Congressional Delegation, State Legislators representing Washington  
44 County, and the Wisconsin Counties Association.

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47 **VOTE REQUIREMENT FOR PASSAGE:** Majority

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2 RESOLUTION SUMMARY: Advisory resolution supporting the improvement of instructional  
3 programs for nursing aides.  
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5 APPROVED: Introduced by members of the HUMAN  
6 (signed by Bradley S. Stern) SERVICES COMMITTEE  
7 Bradley S. Stern, County Attorney as filed with the County Clerk.

8 Dated 11/15/18

9 (signed by Kristine M. Deiss)  
10 Considered 11/14/18 Kristine M. Deiss, Chairperson

11 Adopted 11/14/18

12 Ayes 26 Noes 0 Absent 0

13 Voice Vote \_\_\_\_\_

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15 (There is no direct/immediate fiscal impact.)