

Resolution # 68-07

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING CHANGE FOR RETURNING FEDERAL FUNDS FROM CERTIFIED PUBLIC EXPENDITURES OF COUNTY NURSING HOMES

WHEREAS, Polk County owns and operates a 114-bed skilled nursing facility that provides a safety net for a population that has difficulty securing services elsewhere because of the special and expensive care that is required; and

WHEREAS, the facility operates at a loss each year because of the difficulty and high cost of providing care, and Polk County has been forced to fund approximately \$200,000 per year to supplement the facility's operating losses; and

WHEREAS, the State of Wisconsin claims those losses in reports to the federal government and receives 58% matching funds to compensate for the reported losses under the Certified Public Expenditure (CPE) program; and

WHEREAS, the State of Wisconsin claimed approximately \$90,000,000 in Federal funds for state-wide governmental nursing home losses in budget years 2005-2007, and diverted these funds from counties to the State's Medicaid Trust Fund; and

WHEREAS, the State of Wisconsin decreased supplemental funding from the Intergovernmental Transfer Program (ITP) for governmental nursing homes from \$54,773,148 to \$37,100,000 and diverted \$17,673,148 from counties to the State's Medicaid Trust Fund resulting in a \$305,000 decrease in ITP funds to Golden Age Manor; and

WHEREAS, the 2007-2009 State Budget proposed by Governor Doyle estimates claiming \$77,000,000 in Federal Funds for statewide governmental nursing home losses and diverting these funds from counties to the state's Medicaid Trust Fund;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Polk County Board of Supervisors supports returning all Federal funds received from the Certified Public Expenditures of county nursing homes be returned to the county nursing homes in order to bring direct tax relief to the citizens of Polk County; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Clerk is hereby directed to send a copy of this resolution to Governor Jim Doyle, Senator Sheila Harsdorf, Senator Bob Jauch, Representative Ann Hraychuck and Representative Mary Hubler.

Effective Date: Upon passage.

Funding Amount: N/A

Date Submitted to County Board: 8/21/07

County Board Action: Adopted.

Approved as to Form: _____

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