

RESOLUTION NO: 01-09

To authorize a Legal Services Agreement between the Human Services Department and the Corporation Counsel for CY 2009

WHEREAS, during the past years of 2005 through 2008, the County Board of Supervisors has resolved to authorize a legal services agreement between the Human Services Department and the Office of Corporation Counsel for the provision of legal services on termination of parental rights cases; and

WHEREAS, as a result of such legal services agreements Polk County has been able to capture federal reimbursements under Title IV-E of Social Security Administration Act, thereby reducing net costs to the County that are expended for legal services in child welfare cases, which include termination of parental rights cases; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Title IV-E legal reimbursement program allows reimbursement of legal services provided by the Office of Corporation Counsel based upon the personnel costs of attorneys and staff of the Office of the Corporation Counsel that are expended toward the provision of legal services in termination of parental rights cases; and

WHEREAS, in order to continue to receive Federal IV-E reimbursements for legal services for termination of parental rights cases, it is necessary for the County to authorize on an annual basis a legal services agreement between the Human Services Department and the Corporation Counsel; and

WHEREAS, entering into and implementing a legal services agreement as required for Federal Title IV-E reimbursement will allow Polk County to continue to prosecute an increasing number of termination of parental rights cases expeditiously and cost effectively; and

WHEREAS, the Human Services Board has approved a 2009 legal services agreement between the Human Services Department and the Corporation Counsel that directs the Corporation Counsel to provide legal services for the purposes of prosecuting termination of parental rights cases; and

WHEREAS, the Personnel Committee has approved a 2009 legal services agreement between the Human Services Department and the Corporation Counsel that directs the Corporation Counsel to provide legal services for the purposes of prosecuting termination of parental rights cases; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Polk County Board of Supervisors authorizes the Polk County Human Services Department and the Polk County Corporation Counsel to enter into a legal services agreement, a copy of which is attached



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STATE OF WISCONSIN    )  
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COUNTY OF POLK        )

I, Carole T. Wondra, County Clerk for Polk County, do hereby certify that the attached is a true and correct copy of Resolution No. 01-09 that was adopted by the Polk County Board of Supervisors on Jan. 20, 2009.

  
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Carole T. Wondra  
Polk County Clerk