

RESOLUTION 9 392

In Support of Senate Bill 461 Limiting County Financial Liability Under Chapter 51 and Chapter 55, Wisconsin Statutes.

To the Honorable Members of the Board of Supervisors:

WHEREAS, under Chapter 51 of the Wisconsin Statutes, the State Legislature has vested in the counties responsibility for the care, treatment and well-being of citizens with mental illnesses, chemical dependencies, and developmental disabilities; and

WHEREAS, under Chapter 55 of the Wisconsin Statutes, the State Legislature has likewise vested in the counties responsibility for citizens in need of protective placements or services; and

WHEREAS, the Supreme Court of the State of Wisconsin has held that counties' financial liability under Chapter 51 and Chapter 55 is unlimited; and

WHEREAS, such unlimited financial liability places a substantial burden on the counties' taxpayers; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature can limit counties' financial liability to a reasonable standard by enacting appropriate amendments to Chapter 51 and Chapter 55; and

WHEREAS, such amendments have been introduced as Senate Bill 461;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Iowa supports and recommends the passage of Senate Bill 461.

Respectfully submitted for passage this 17th day of March, 1992.

Social Services Board

Unified Board

Tom Paul
Tom Paul

O. Robert Eichorst
O. Robert Eichorst

Jean E. Ellarson
Jean Ellarson

Thomas Waters
Tom Waters

Jerome Laufenberg
Jerome Laufenberg

Jim Blakeslee
Jim Blakeslee

Sherman Dammen
Sherman Dammen

O. Robert Eichorst
O. Robert Eichorst

Willis Knox
Willis Knox

Marion Martin
Marion Martin

Ruth Mitchell
Ruth Mitchell

Lola Stavonet