TO THE HONORABLE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF BERRIEN COUNTY, MICHIGAN:
Your County Administration Committee respectfully recommends the adoption of the following

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Berrien County Board of Commissioners via resolution #A2009322, authorized the Berrien County Trial Court/Family Division to apply for funding from the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services in the form of a Title IV-E Child and Parent Legal Representation Grant; and

WHEREAS, the grant will allow the Family Division to pass through Title IV-E administrative dollars to support high quality child and parent legal representation in child protective proceedings; and

WHEREAS, Berrien County has been awarded $133,000 for the FY 20/21 grant years effective October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2021 in funding for projects related to quality legal representation; and

WHEREAS, the grant does not require a cash match and is a reimbursement structured grant to cover invoices for expenses related to the grant; and

WHEREAS, the funding provides monies to support high quality child and legal representation in child protective proceedings, including training, ancillary legal services, provision of a social worker to parents' attorneys and planning/implementation of a Parent Partner program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Berrien County Board of Commissioners authorizes the Berrien County Trial Court to accept the award from the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services to implement projects related to quality legal representation, and authorizes the County Administrator to electronically sign the FY20/21 Grant Agreement contract between the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services and Berrien County.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED
BERRIEN COUNTY ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

Jim Curran, Chair

Michael J. Majerek, Vice Chair

Don Meeks

Chris Heugel

RESOLUTION APPROVED AS TO FORM
Administrator _____ Date _10-7-20_
Comments Attached _____
Corporate Counsel _____ Date _10-5-2020_
Comments Attached _____