

RESOLUTION TO OPPOSE ASSEMBLY BILL 819

TO THE IOWA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

WHEREAS, Assembly Bill 819 (AB-819) proposes a \$3.00 increase in fees for birth certificates to subsidize a new social program entitled "Right From the Start"; and

WHEREAS, fees from birth certificates were raised in 1983, 1987 and 1991 for the purpose of subsidizing a program relating to the prevention of child abuse; and

WHEREAS, the IOWA County Register of Deeds is required to send all fees collected as a result of increases in fees such as that proposed in AB-819 to the State of Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin Register of Deeds Association opposes increases in fees related to that office for the purpose of financing any special social programs that could be classified as a "hidden tax" on the general public; and

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin Register of Deeds Association has recommended that financing for any special social programs be provided through the State budgetary process as opposed through an increase in fees.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the IOWA County Board of Supervisors that it hereby opposes the passage of AB-819.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the IOWA County Board of Supervisors that it hereby authorizes and instructs the IOWA County Clerk to transmit a copy of this Resolution to the Wisconsin Counties Association; to all members of the Wisconsin State Assembly and Wisconsin State Senate representing constituents within IOWA County; to the Director of the Wisconsin Department of Health and Social Services; to the office of the Governor of the State of Wisconsin and to all Wisconsin County Clerks.

Submitted by:

IOWA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS