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PRESS RELEASE

**Brown County Praises Gov. Evers for Signing AB 374 Into Law**  
*Historic Opioid Settlement Bill Enables Local Control for Abatement, Mitigation*

(Brown County, Wis.) – Brown County Executive Troy Streckenbach is among the county executives thanking Governor Tony Evers today for his signature on Assembly Bill 374 that paves the way for opioid settlement funds to go directly to counties who’ve been on the frontlines of this epidemic.

“Brown County has battled this scourge that has infiltrated our communities for years,” says Streckenbach. “The Brown County Board of Supervisors in 2017 unanimously approved joining this lawsuit against opioid manufacturers in order to hold these entities and persons responsible for their significant role in the creation of this epidemic. It has cost our community dearly, and we must begin the process of healing and prevention of future costs.”

The signing of AB 374 is a great example of the legislature and the governor coming together to do what is best for families in Brown County and across Wisconsin who have been afflicted by the opioid crisis.

“We’re thankful for the allocation of funds for local governments, who are best equipped for serving our communities and provide services to,” says Brown County Health and Human Services Executive Director Erik Pritzl. “We’ve seen firsthand the devastating impacts of opioid addiction and look forward to providing effective programming and support to those who are impacted.”

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