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(ITEM) A resolution by Supervisors Romo West, Broderick, Johnson, Jr., and Rainey providing for an advisory referendum on the November 4, 2014, election ballot on whether Milwaukee County voters support the State Legislature accepting monies from the Federal government to expand BadgerCare, by recommending adoption of the following:

A RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Affordable Care Act allows states to expand Medicaid to all individuals with income up to 133 percent of the federal poverty level and the State of Wisconsin has chosen not to take advantage of the available federal funds; and

WHEREAS, AARP, Inc., has urged Wisconsin to expand Medicaid, stating that the individuals who will gain coverage, an estimated 84,700 Wisconsin residents, will include people who are single without children and who have no other means to get health insurance; and

WHEREAS, Wisconsin’s Internal Medicine Physician Specialists, representing 1,899 medical professionals in Wisconsin, states that it is imperative that Wisconsin accept federal dollars to expand Medicaid because it will improve low-income individuals’ health status, reduce uninsured Wisconsinites by an estimated 40 percent, and save the State money because 100 percent federal funding is available in 2014-2015; and

WHEREAS, the Legislative Fiscal Bureau estimated acceptance of these federal funds could save the State \$66 million over the course of three years; and

WHEREAS, in Milwaukee County an estimated 21,376 additional adults will be eligible for BadgerCare, a 38 percent increase in insured individuals, as reported by the Legislative Fiscal Bureau on December 16, 2013; and

WHEREAS, increasing access to health care for underinsured and uninsured Milwaukee County residents will reduce health care disparities, improve health outcomes, and lower the total cost of care in our community as reported by the Milwaukee Health Care Partnership; and

WHEREAS, no Milwaukee County resident should forgo preventive and routine medical care if there is a means by which to provide them with affordable health care; and

WHEREAS, Milwaukee County voters deserve the opportunity to voice their opinion on this matter; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors hereby urges the State of Wisconsin to accept all federal funds for BadgerCare available through the Affordable Care Act; and

46 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the County Board of Supervisors of Milwaukee
47 County, Wisconsin, as follows:

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49 Section 1. Referendum Election. The County Clerk is hereby directed to call an
50 advisory referendum election to be held in the County at the regularly scheduled election
51 to be held on November 4, 2014, for the purpose of submitting to the qualified electors of
52 the County the proposition of whether the State Legislature shall accept federal funds to
53 expand BadgerCare to provide affordable health care for thousands of Wisconsin residents.

54 The referendum shall be held, noticed, and conducted following the procedures set forth
55 in Section 59.52(25) of the Wisconsin Statutes.

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57 Section 2. Official Referendum Ballot Form. The ballot to be used at the
58 referendum election shall be prepared in accordance with the provisions of Sections
59 5.64(2) and 7.08(1)(a) of the Wisconsin Statutes. The ballot shall be substantially in the
60 form attached hereto as Exhibit A.

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EXHIBIT A

OFFICIAL REFERENDUM BALLOT

November 4, 2014

NOTICE TO ELECTORS: THIS BALLOT MAY BE INVALID UNLESS INITIALED BY TWO (2) ELECTION INSPECTORS. IF CAST AS AN ABSENTEE BALLOT, THE BALLOT MUST BEAR THE INITIALS OF THE MUNICIPAL CLERK OR DEPUTY CLERK.

If you desire to vote on the question, make a cross (X) in the square beneath the question after "YES" if in favor of the question or make a cross (X) in the square after "NO" if opposed to the question.

ADVISORY REFERENDUM

Shall the next State Legislature accept all available federal funds for BadgerCare to ensure that thousands of Wisconsin citizens have access to affordable health coverage?

YES

NO