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From the Director of the Office of Emergency Management (OEM), requesting retroactive authorization to receive one (1) portable morgue container donated by Froedtert Memorial Lutheran Hospital, Inc., in order to provide refrigerated surge storage for decedents, by recommending adoption of the following:

A RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Section 323.15, Wisconsin State Statutes, stipulates the ongoing duties of the head of emergency management to include directing and coordinating emergency management activities throughout the county during a state of emergency; and

WHEREAS, the Office of Emergency Management (OEM) was offered ownership of Froedtert Memorial Lutheran Hospital, Inc.'s, portable morgue unit that has been in storage at the Milwaukee Mitchell International Airport for approximately five years and OEM will maintain this unit and coordinate its use for additional decedent storage with the Medical Examiner's Office; and

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization declared the novel coronavirus disease (COVID-19) outbreak a global pandemic on March 11, 2020; and

WHEREAS, by May 19, 2020, Milwaukee County has experienced 240 deaths due to COVID-19 with the first fatality occurring on March 19, 2020; and

WHEREAS, stay-at-home orders have been lifted by the majority of municipalities within the borders of Milwaukee County and the projections of the spread of the disease are widely variable; and

WHEREAS, the Democratic National Convention (DNC) has not yet been declared virtual, and is to occur in Milwaukee from August 17 through August 21, 2020; and

WHEREAS, thousands of people from around the country are expected to attend the DNC event in August, and the Department of Homeland Security has deemed the convention to be of international significance as a National Special Security Event; and

WHEREAS, the portable morgue unit will not have a fiscal impact on OEM and initial maintenance is being provided by the Fleet Management Division, Department of Transportation, at \$250 annually and fuel costs will be charged to the Medical Examiner's Office at \$1.28 per gallon (approximately \$6,500 per year based on daily usage 24 hours a day); and

45 WHEREAS, if the unit is in operation for an extended period of time,
46 reimbursement monies in 2020 are available through the Federal Coronavirus Aid,
47 Relief, and Economic Security Act, and 2021 monies may be available through Federal
48 and state government disaster relief funds; and

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50 WHEREAS, the Committee on Finance, at its meeting of June 18, 2020,
51 recommended adoption of File No. 20-414 (vote 6-0); now, therefore,

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53 BE IT RESOLVED, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors hereby
54 authorizes the Office of Emergency Management to take ownership of one portable
55 morgue container from Froedtert Memorial Lutheran Hospital, Inc., at no capital cost to
56 Milwaukee County, effective February 20, 2020.

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