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A report from the Director, Department of Health and Human Services, requesting authorization to retroactively execute a contract for \$343,653 with AmeriCorps to manage the AmeriCorps Senior Companion Program, by recommending adoption of the following:

A RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the AmeriCorps Senior Companions Program (the Program) is a nationwide program that provides support and companionship to older adults who wish to maintain independence by continuing to live in their residences, but require assistance with their activities of daily living to do so; and

WHEREAS, the Social Development Commission (SDC) formerly administered this Program, but AmeriCorps has de-designated SDC, and requested that Milwaukee County (the County) apply to administer this Program on a non-competitive basis; and

WHEREAS, the Area Agency on Aging (AAA) within the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) was invited to apply to maintain services with the approximately 40 AmeriCorps volunteers who work with about 65 older-adult residents currently enrolled in this Program without interruption; and

WHEREAS, the Program addresses several of the most demonstrated needs of older adults which are growing more acute in the County, including: transportation, personal caretaking, maintaining health status without physical decline, and addressing social isolation and loneliness; and

WHEREAS, the Program's activities are in direct alignment with the goals for the AAA, which supports activities that allow older adults to age in place, maintain community connections, and contribute to several of the DHHS Strategic Plan themes, in particular integrated services that address social determinants of health and person-centered care; and

WHEREAS, consistent with Section 59.52(31)(c), Wisconsin State Statutes, Aging and Disability Services, DHHS, must, on behalf of the Commission on Aging, bring contracts with a value or aggregate value of \$300,000 or more to the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors for authorization; and

WHEREAS, the Committee on Finance, at its meeting of September 12, 2024, recommended adoption of File No. 24-751 (vote 6-0); now, therefore,

43 BE IT RESOLVED, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors hereby
44 authorizes the Director, Department of Health and Human Services, or her designee, to
45 retroactively execute a contract for \$343,653 with AmeriCorps, to manage the
46 AmeriCorps Senior Companion Program, effective September 1, 2024, through
47 June 30, 2025.

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