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4 **A RESOLUTION**

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6 declaring Milwaukee County’s support of the passage of the federal legislation
7 introduced in House Resolution 5735 which would grant states, tribes, territories, and
8 localities additional flexibility in American Rescue Plan Act spending
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11 WHEREAS, the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) of 2021 was a \$1.9 trillion
12 economic stimulus bill that was passed by congress and signed into law by President
13 Biden; and
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15 WHEREAS, Milwaukee County was allocated \$183.7 million in federal ARPA
16 funding which has been instrumental to the County’s continued response, resiliency and
17 recovery efforts from the COVID-19 pandemic and resulting economic conditions; and
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19 WHEREAS, counties who received funding allocations from ARPA are, in most
20 cases, unable to use the funds they received for general infrastructure spending outside
21 of water, sewer or broadband investments; and
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23 WHEREAS, S.3011, and its companion, H.R. 5735 – State Local, Tribal, and
24 Territorial Fiscal Recovery, Infrastructure, and Disaster Relief Flexibility Act has been
25 approved in the Senate and introduced in the US House of Representatives and would
26 allow states, tribes, territories, and localities to use a percentage of their COVID-19
27 relief funds for new categories of spending, including for natural disaster recovery and
28 infrastructure projects such as roads and bridges; and
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30 WHEREAS, the ARPA flexibility legislation H.R. 5735 is a bi-partisan bill with co-
31 sponsorship support from more than 148 U.S. representatives, including two of the eight
32 Wisconsin delegates; and
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34 WHEREAS, the Committee on Intergovernmental Relations, at its meeting of
35 March 10, 2022, recommended adoption of File No. 22-428 (vote 4-0); now, therefore,
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37 BE IT RESOLVED, Milwaukee County hereby declares support for the federal
38 legislation introduced in House Resolution 5735 and its companion bill S.3011 which
39 already passed out of the US Senate; and
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41 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Office of Government Affairs staff is authorized
42 and requested to communicate the contents of this resolution to Wisconsin's
43 Congressional delegation, and support legislation that achieves the criteria outlined in
44 this resolution.

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