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From the Director, Department of Health and Human Services, requesting authorization to apply for a grant from the State of Wisconsin in support of the planning, design, and construction of a Secured Residential Care Center for Children and Youth in accordance with Wisconsin Act 185, and to approve the siting of the new facility at one of two locations (6101 West Mill Road or 6600 North Teutonia Avenue), by recommending adoption of the following:

**AN AMEMDED RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, over the past few years, the County Executive and the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors (County Board) have been working with key stakeholders to address the crisis at Lincoln Hills and Copper Lake, juvenile correctional facilities operated by the State of Wisconsin (the State) and have embraced policies surrounding the creation of a local alternative option for Milwaukee County (the County) youth to be placed in a safe environment, closer to home; and

WHEREAS, in March 2018, the State Legislature adopted Act 185 (the Act), which directs the closure of Lincoln Hills and Copper Lake for use as youth correctional facilities by January 1, 2021, with counties assuming responsibility for operating Secured Residential Care Centers for Children and Youth (SRCCCYs); and

WHEREAS, under the Act, the State Building Commission can authorize up to \$40 million to counties for the planning and construction of these facilities and eligible construction costs include new construction as well as the renovation of an existing structure; and

WHEREAS, to qualify for the funds, counties must submit grant applications to the Juvenile Corrections Grant Committee in the Department of Corrections by March 31, 2019, covering the following types of facilities:

- 95 percent of the design and construction costs of a SRCCCY
- 95 percent of the design and construction costs of a facility housing both a SRCCCY and a youth detention facility
- 100 percent of the design and construction costs of a SRCCCY or a portion of a SRCCCY for female youth only

; and

WHEREAS, per Section 56.06(1), Milwaukee County Code of General Ordinances, County Board approval is required for the submittal of a grant application or acceptance of grant funding if the grant requires a County match; and

45 WHEREAS, in September 2018, the County Board sought an opinion from  
46 Corporation Counsel, Office of Corporation Counsel (OCC), as to whether the County  
47 Board also has the authority to approve the location of the SRCCCY and Corporation  
48 Counsel, OCC, opined that if the location is included in the grant application, “the  
49 County Board will also have the ability to review and vote upon location;” and  
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51 WHEREAS, Division of Youth and Family Services (DYFS), Department of  
52 Health and Human Services (DHHS), assembled a steering committee and workgroups  
53 to formulate recommendations and options for the development of a secure, local  
54 alternative for County youth; and  
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56 WHEREAS, under Section 938.34(4m), Wisconsin State Statutes, the mission of  
57 the project is to establish a safe, positive, sustainable, and developmentally appropriate  
58 treatment environment for youth committed to the county that effectively promotes  
59 accountability, protects the community, reduces recidivism, and returns youth to our  
60 community with the skills needed to become successful and productive citizens; and  
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62 WHEREAS, more than 40 potential locations were assessed by a project team  
63 consisting of the Facilities Management and Real Estate Divisions, Department of  
64 Administrative Services, DHHS, and Continuum Architects, and the locations were  
65 assessed to determine their feasibility based on the following criteria, which are divided  
66 among three categories: place, technical, and people; and  
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68 ~~WHEREAS, after an extensive search, two location alternatives for the new site~~  
69 ~~were identified:~~  
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- 71 • ~~6101 West Mill Road, Milwaukee 53218~~
- 72 • ~~6600 North Teutonia Avenue, Milwaukee 53209~~

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76 WHEREAS, extensive outreach has occurred and continues with key  
77 stakeholders and those representing the areas of the proposed locations with a goal of  
78 ensuring the engagement of cross-sector community partners in a consistent and  
79 transparent way and to this end, meetings have been completed with a host of  
80 community leaders, elected officials, law enforcement, school officials, neighborhood  
81 residents, clergy, business leaders, and youth and family service providers; and  
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83 WHEREAS, the DYFS, DHHS, engaged juvenile justice experts at the Annie E.  
84 Casey Foundation to analyze the total number of spaces that would be needed in a  
85 SRCCCY by 2021, and the team determined that the optimum capacity for a new  
86 SRCCCY would be 40 spaces with an additional 22 Milwaukee County Accountability  
87 Program spaces to be re-purposed at Vel Phillips; and  
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89 WHEREAS, preliminary estimates reflect a total capital cost of \$39.5 million with  
90 ongoing operating costs projected to be about \$12 million reflecting a funding gap of  
91 about \$2 million based on the most current information available; and  
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93 WHEREAS, once DHHS is notified by the State Legislature's Joint Committee on  
94 Finance of a grant award, DHHS will submit a second request to the County Board  
95 seeking approval of the grant award, and will make a recommendation for any gap in  
96 funding; and  
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98 WHEREAS, the Committee on Health and Human Needs, at its meeting of  
99 March 13, 2019, recommended adoption of File No. 19-236 as amended (vote 5-0); and  
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101 BE IT RESOLVED, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors (County Board)  
102 hereby authorizes the Director, Department of Health and Human Services, or her  
103 designee, to submit a grant application to the State of Wisconsin for the planning and  
104 construction of a Secured Residential Care Center for Children and Youth (SRCCCY);  
105 and  
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107 ~~BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the County Board approves the siting of the new~~  
108 ~~SRCCCY facility at one of the following two locations: 6101 West Mill Road, Milwaukee~~  
109 ~~53218, or 6600 North Teutonia Avenue, Milwaukee 53209.~~  
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