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2 File No. 12-

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4 (ITEM) A resolution authorizing and directing the posting of signage depicting the
5 National Human Trafficking Resource Center hotline number in county facilities.

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7 **A RESOLUTION**

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9 WHEREAS, human trafficking is defined as a crime that involves obtaining or
10 maintaining the labor or services of another through the use of force, fraud or coercion;
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13 WHEREAS, the County Board adopted a resolution (File No. 11-622)
14 establishing the Milwaukee County Task Force on Human Trafficking (MCTFHT) to
15 study and make recommendations on policies, practices, prevention and service models
16 that will protect Milwaukee County's youth from being victimized and sexually exploited;
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19 WHEREAS, the aforementioned resolution directed the MCTFHT to submit a
20 report detailing their recommendations on the subject by September 30, 2012, to the
21 Committee on Judiciary, Safety, and General Services; and

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23 WHEREAS, trafficked victims are compelled to work in the commercial sex
24 industry and service and labor sectors by traffickers who gain financially from the
25 victims' labor; and

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27 WHEREAS, although both Federal and State law prohibit human trafficking,
28 according to the Wisconsin Office of the Attorney General's Human Trafficking guide,
29 part of the reason it is not easy to detect human trafficking is because it can involve
30 mainstream businesses and victims are afraid to identify themselves or seek help; and

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32 WHEREAS, it is not uncommon for victims of human trafficking to be completely
33 dependent on their traffickers for basic human survival needs, to grow isolated, and to
34 fear cooperation with the criminal justice system; and

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36 WHEREAS, human trafficking victims often do not have access to the internet or
37 to other forms of community-based outreach and awareness programs, and may
38 therefore not be aware of the resources that exist to help victims, including the National
39 Human Trafficking Resource Center (NHTRC); and

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41 WHEREAS, the NHTRC is a non-profit, non-governmental organization working
42 exclusively on human trafficking issues; and

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44 WHEREAS, the NHTRC has a national, 24-hour toll-free hotline, where callers
45 can get information on the following matters: reporting a tip, connecting with anti-

46 trafficking resources in the caller's area, and requesting training, technical assistance,
47 or special information; and

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49 WHEREAS, posting signage containing the number for the NHTRC in Milwaukee
50 County buildings frequented by the public, such as the courthouse complex, General
51 Mitchell International Airport, the Marcia P. Coggs Center, senior centers, community
52 recreational facilities, and county buses may help to provide human trafficking outreach
53 and awareness; now, therefore,

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55 BE IT RESOLVED, that the Department of Administrative Services is authorized
56 and directed to coordinate the posting of the attached flier containing the National
57 Human Trafficking Resource Center hotline in both English and Spanish in high traffic
58 areas of Milwaukee County's heavily frequented public buildings, including but not
59 limited to the buildings listed in the above clause.

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