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An action report from the Acting Director of Administrative Services requesting adoption of Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy for Southeastern Wisconsin 2021-2025 as prepared by SEWRPC, by recommending adoption of the following:

A RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Milwaukee 7, assisted by the Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission (SEWRPC), worked in 2020 and 2021 to develop a Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) for the Southeastern Wisconsin Region, which includes the counties of Kenosha, Milwaukee, Ozaukee, Racine, Walworth, Washington, and Waukesha (the Region); and

WHEREAS, the CEDS is a strategic plan for strengthening and diversifying the regional economy, and includes a set of goals, strategies, and actions that seek to achieve an overall economic development vision for the Region; and

WHEREAS, in addition to setting forth a strategy for economic growth in the Region, the CEDS is intended to meet the requirements of the United States (U.S.) Department of Commerce - Economic Development Administration (EDA) for such work, thereby buttressing efforts to secure Federal funding for projects in the seven-county Region that have a particular focus and impact on economic development, particularly projects that will benefit economically distressed areas; and

WHEREAS, following adoption of the CEDS by the seven county boards in the Region, SEWRPC would explore designation of the Region as an Economic Development District by the U.S. Department of Commerce - EDA; and

WHEREAS, the Committee on Economic and Community Development, at its meeting of July 19, 2021, recommended adoption of File No. 21-607 (vote 4-1); now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors (County Board) supports the regional Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy and hereby adopts the CEDS for the Southeastern Wisconsin Region (the Region) for the period 2021 through 2025; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the County Board supports the formation of an Economic Development District for the Region, which would align local, county, and regional economic development efforts to carry out the recommendations of the CEDS; and

44 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the County Clerk will transmit a certified copy of
45 this resolution to the Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission.

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