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3 A resolution by Supervisor Moore Omokunde, endorsing the City of Milwaukee Health
4 Department's Office of Violence Prevention's "Blueprint for Peace," by recommending
5 adoption of the following:
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7 **A RESOLUTION**

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9 WHEREAS, Milwaukee County (the County) is committed to promoting a safe
10 and healthy environment for all its residents; and
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12 WHEREAS, on November 16, 2017, the City of Milwaukee Health Department's
13 Office of Violence Prevention launched the "Blueprint for Peace," (the Blueprint)
14 Milwaukee's first comprehensive and community-wide violence prevention plan; and
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16 WHEREAS, over 1,500 community residents, including youth directly impacted
17 by violence, participated in this planning effort; and
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19 WHEREAS, the Blueprint was supported by a Steering Committee, representing
20 a cross-section of public, private, nonprofit, business, philanthropic, youth, law
21 enforcement, health, and community leaders; and
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23 WHEREAS, violence prevention is a critical strategy for increasing short and
24 long-term public safety; and
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26 WHEREAS, since the 1980's, the Center for Disease Control and Prevention and
27 the United States Surgeon General have recognized violence as a public health
28 problem and it is now widely accepted as such; and
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30 WHEREAS, addressing structural and community violence as a public health
31 crisis requires a long-term, comprehensive, and inclusive response of key stakeholders
32 in health, education, social services, justice, policy, and the private sectors; and
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34 WHEREAS, the risk for violence among youth is increased by their
35 developmental stage, which is characterized by impulsiveness and the inability to
36 anticipate long-term consequences; while this is not an inevitable occurrence, but a
37 learned behavior that is the result of preventable and controllable factors in the life of
38 youth, such as: poverty, family instability, domestic abuse, mental or physical illness,
39 educational failure, a lack of engagement in productive and affirming out-of-school-time
40 activities, and diminished relationships with supportive adults; and
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42 WHEREAS, the risk for youth violence can be reduced by increasing
43 connectedness to family and other supportive adults and institutions; by increasing
44 commitment to academic achievement, through connection to a positive value system;
45 and by being able to contribute to community well-being; and
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47 WHEREAS, the factors that contribute to or protect against violence can be
48 measured, as can the effectiveness of interventions addressing those factors, and the
49 racial and socioeconomic disparities that persist; and
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51 WHEREAS, the County acknowledges that a criminal justice approach alone is
52 insufficient to address the short and long-term goals of creating a safe, healthy, and
53 thriving County; and
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55 WHEREAS, the Committee on Health and Human Needs, at its meeting of
56 June 13, 2018, recommended adoption of File No. 18-395 (vote 5-0); now, therefore,
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58 BE IT RESOLVED, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors recognizes
59 violence is a public health issue that requires strategic, long-term, and multi-faceted
60 responses that are implemented with urgency, and supported by adequate public policy
61 and resources; and
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63 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Milwaukee County endorses the goals and
64 strategies detailed in the "Blueprint for Peace," attached hereto this file.
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