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A resolution by Supervisor Weishan, Jr., establishing a Milwaukee County policy for the Director of the Office on African American Affairs to create Community Restoration Centers in underserved areas, and to provide informational reports on all contracted services implemented by the department, by recommending adoption of the following:

A RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the creation of the Office on African American Affairs was proposed in 2015, and established in 2016 with an initial \$300,000 in funding from the Appropriation for Contingencies; and

WHEREAS, in 2016, the Office on African American Affairs entered into service contract agreements with the Frank Zeidler Center for Public Discussion and with AMTC and Associates, and is currently in the process of developing a Memorandum of Understanding with Urban Underground for youth programming in Sherman Park, despite not having a formal Director appointed to the department; and

WHEREAS, the 2017 Adopted Budget continues to fund the Office on African American Affairs, but holds a portion of the department’s funding within an allocated contingency account in the Appropriation for Contingencies until a Director for the department is appointed and a plan to spend the funds is approved by the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors (County Board); and

WHEREAS, the Office on African American Affairs is meant to advise the County Executive and the County Board on the rights and needs of African American communities concerning inequality of:

- Health Metrics
- Education
- Food Deserts
- Unemployment
- Young People and Children
- Affordable Housing
- High Disproportionate Numbers of African Americans in the Prison System
- Small Business Creation

; and

WHEREAS, Milwaukee County (the County) has a vested interest in the success and progression of the Office on African American Affairs, and is obligated to provide maximum outreach and access to community members in need of resources and services; and

46 WHEREAS, in order to ensure that residents and community organizations in the
47 County are engaged in the work and processes of the Office on African American
48 Affairs, the creation of local satellite resource centers in areas of concentrated disparity
49 will be a positive asset to further the mission of the department; and

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51 WHEREAS, the Committee on Finance and Audit, at its meeting of March 16,
52 2017, recommended adoption of File No. 16-726 (vote 6-0); now, therefore,

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54 BE IT RESOLVED, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors (County Board)
55 hereby establishes a policy to authorize the Director of the Office on African American
56 Affairs to create Community Restoration Centers in underserved neighborhoods and
57 areas in high economic despair, in partnership with community members and existing
58 community groups and organizations, to provide policy guidance for the following
59 services:

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- 61 • Educational Services
- 62 • Healthcare Services
- 63 • Employment Services

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67 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Director of the Office on African American
68 Affairs shall host these Community Restoration Centers at existing Milwaukee County
69 facilities and spaces, and shall coordinate with the Department of Parks, Recreation,
70 and Culture to determine and secure appropriate locations to hold the centers, including
71 at park pavilions and other facilities; and

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73 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Director of the Office on African American
74 Affairs shall provide written informational reports on all contracted services the
75 department enters into with outside providers and organizations, to be submitted to the
76 County Board for review.

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