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Requesting approval to designate an authorized emergency vehicle for assignment to the Office of Emergency Management Emergency Medical Services Division (OEM EMS), by recommending adoption of the following:

A RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Emergency Medical Services Division, Office of Emergency Management (EMS-OEM) provides continuing education and credentialing of 535 active paramedics in the Milwaukee County (the County) EMS System, and administers the protocols and standards of care delivered by those paramedics; and

WHEREAS, EMS-OEM is procuring a response vehicle to provide additional services/capabilities to the EMS System, and the citizens of the County; and

WHEREAS, the Director, OEM, requests authorization to designate the response vehicle as an authorized emergency vehicle, which requires the approval of the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors, pursuant to Section 340.01(3)(e), Wisconsin State Statutes (State Statutes); and

WHEREAS, the EMS-OEM response vehicle will be operated by designated personnel of the EMS Division, who will have a valid Wisconsin Driver's License, and be licensed as a healthcare provider; and

WHEREAS, required training will consist of an initial Emergency Vehicle Operators course, followed by annual continuing education; and

WHEREAS, while on an emergency deployment, the EMS-OEM response vehicle will display audible and visual warning devices in compliance with Section 346.03(3), State Statutes, to give "a visual signal by means of at least one flashing, oscillating, or rotating red light...and also an audible signal by means of a siren or exhaust whistle."; and

WHEREAS, to enhance the capability, oversight, and response of the EMS staff in exigent situations, the authorization of an emergency vehicle for EMS-OEM is recommended; and

WHEREAS, the Committee on Finance and Audit, at its meeting of September 13, 2019, recommended adoption of File No. 19-726 (vote 6-0); now, therefore,

43 BE IT RESOLVED, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors hereby
44 authorizes the designation of an emergency vehicle, as required by Section
45 340.01(3)(e), Wisconsin State Statutes (State Statutes), to be equipped with flashing
46 red lights and siren, in conformance with Section 346.03(3), State Statutes, which
47 details the requirements for such vehicles, for use by authorized staff within the
48 Emergency Medical Services Division, Office of Emergency Management, that have
49 met the prerequisite training and continuing education requirements to operate the
50 vehicle.

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