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4 **A RESOLUTION**

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6 Supporting an advisory referendum on the November 2014 ballot asking if Milwaukee
7 County voters support the State Legislature accepting monies from the federal government
8 to expand BadgerCare
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10 WHEREAS, the Affordable Care Act allows states to expand Medicaid to all
11 individuals with income up to 133 percent of the federal poverty level and the State of
12 Wisconsin has chosen not to take advantage of the available federal funds; and
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14 WHEREAS, AARP has urged Wisconsin to expand Medicaid stating that the
15 individuals who will gain coverage, an estimated 84,700 Wisconsin residents, will include
16 people who are single without children and who have no other means to get health
17 insurance; and
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19 WHEREAS, Wisconsin's Internal Medicine Physician Specialists, representing 1,899
20 medical professionals in Wisconsin, states that it is imperative that Wisconsin accept
21 federal dollars to expand Medicaid because it will improve low-income individual's health
22 status, reduce uninsured Wisconsinites by an estimated forty percent, and it will save the
23 State money because in 2014-15 100 percent federal funding is available; and
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25 WHEREAS, the Legislative Fiscal Bureau estimated acceptance of these federal
26 funds could save the state \$66 million over the course of three years; and
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28 WHEREAS, in Milwaukee County an estimated 21,376 additional adults will be
29 eligible for BadgerCare, a 38 percent increase in insured individuals, as reported by the
30 Legislative Fiscal Bureau on December 16, 2013; and
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32 WHEREAS, increasing access to health care for underinsured and uninsured
33 Milwaukee County residents will reduce health care disparities, improve health outcomes,
34 and lower the total cost of care in our community as reported by the Milwaukee Health
35 Care Partnership; and
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37 WHEREAS, no Milwaukee County resident should forgo preventive and routine
38 medical care if there is a means by which to provide them with affordable healthcare; and
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40 WHEREAS, Milwaukee County voters deserve the opportunity to voice their opinion
41 on this matter; now, therefore,
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43 BE IT RESOLVED, that the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors hereby urges the
44 State of Wisconsin to accept all federal funds for BadgerCare available through the
45 Affordable Care Act; and

46 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the County Board of Supervisors of Milwaukee
47 County, Wisconsin, as follows:

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49 Section 1. Referendum Election. The County Clerk is hereby directed to call an
50 advisory referendum election to be held in the County at the regularly scheduled election
51 to be held on November 4, 2014, for the purpose of submitting to the qualified electors of
52 the County the proposition of whether the State Legislature shall accept federal funds to
53 expand BadgerCare to provide affordable healthcare for thousands of Wisconsin residents.

54 The referendum shall be held, noticed, and conducted following the procedures set forth
55 in Section 59.52(25) of the Wisconsin Statutes.

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57 Section 2. Official Referendum Ballot Form. The ballot to be used at the
58 referendum election shall be prepared in accordance with the provisions of Sections
59 5.64(2) and 7.08(1)(a) of the Wisconsin Statutes. The ballot shall be substantially in the
60 form attached hereto as Exhibit A.

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EXHIBIT A

OFFICIAL REFERENDUM BALLOT

November 4, 2014

NOTICE TO ELECTORS: THIS BALLOT MAY BE INVALID UNLESS INITIALED BY TWO (2) ELECTION INSPECTORS. IF CAST AS AN ABSENTEE BALLOT, THE BALLOT MUST BEAR THE INITIALS OF THE MUNICIPAL CLERK OR DEPUTY CLERK.

If you desire to vote on the question, make a cross (X) in the square beneath the question after "YES" if in favor of the question or make a cross (X) in the square after "NO" if opposed to the question.

ADVISORY REFERENDUM

Shall the next State Legislature accept all available federal funds for BadgerCare to ensure that thousands of Wisconsin citizens have access to affordable health coverage?

YES

NO