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(ITEM) A resolution by Supervisor Haas authorizing and requesting that the Audit Services Division, Office of the Comptroller, conduct an audit of the Information Management Services Division, Department of Administrative Services, and any other County department to address county-wide cybersecurity, by recommending adoption of the following:

A RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the President of the United States (U.S.) has repeatedly identified cyber threats as one of the most serious security challenges facing the nation; and

WHEREAS, as recently as April 2015, the federal government experienced possibly the largest data breach ever when the Office of Personnel Management was hacked and the personal data of as many as 18 million current and former federal employees' was compromised; and

WHEREAS, this is only the latest and largest of a string of cyberattacks against the U.S. and highlights the need for cybersecurity at all levels of government; and

WHEREAS, state and local governments are prime targets for cyber criminals because of budgetary pressures leading to cyber deficiencies within information technology infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, in 2012, this deficiency was highlighted when South Carolina's Department of Revenue was hacked and more than 40 million personal and financial records were stolen; and

WHEREAS, Milwaukee County is responsible for ensuring public information is neither altered nor destroyed, while also protecting certain private information, such as employee social security numbers, personnel records, criminal histories, and health records, as well as patient and inmate protected medical information, credit card and bank information of the general public, confidential business information such as trade secrets, and any other records that do not fall under the Wisconsin Open Records Law; and

WHEREAS, in light of the need to protect both public and private information from cyber threats, it is necessary to periodically perform security audits to ensure the protection of all data under control of Milwaukee County; and

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WHEREAS, the Committee on Finance, Personnel, and Audit, at its meeting of July 23, 2015, recommended adoption of this resolution (vote 8-0); now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors (County Board) hereby authorizes and requests that the Audit Services Division, Office of the Comptroller, conduct an audit of the Information Management Services Division, Department of Administrative Services, and any other County department vulnerable to cyber threats, to address county-wide cybersecurity including, but not limited to, threats and risks to data, applications, networks, and operating platforms, as well as security plans and policies for addressing identified threats, vulnerabilities, and risks; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, upon adoption, the Audit Services Division, Office of the Comptroller, shall report back to the County Board as soon as practicable with its findings and recommendations.

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