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From the District Attorney, Office of the District Attorney, requesting authorization to execute a contract with Sojourner Family Peace Center, Inc., in the approximate amount of \$356,000 for services provided under the Grants to Encourage Arrests and Enforcement of Protection Orders program, offered by the United States Department of Justice, Office on Violence Against Women, for the approximate period effective July 1, 2017, to December 31, 2020, by recommending adoption of the following:

A RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, since 2006 the United States Department of Justice, Office on Violence Against Women (OVW), has provided grant funding under the Grants to Encourage Arrests and Enforcement of Protection Orders (GTEA) program, to Milwaukee County (the County) and Sojourner Family Peace Center (Sojourner), its community partner, to promote victim safety and enhance prosecution in domestic violence cases; and

WHEREAS, in September 2016, OVW made a GTEA grant award of \$900,000 to the County, in collaboration with Sojourner, the County’s non-profit, non-governmental victim service provider, to promote victim safety and enhance the prosecution of domestic violence cases; and

WHEREAS, the grant provides approximately three additional years of funding for two prosecutors in the District Attorney’s Domestic Violence Unit and for two Victim Advocates at Sojourner, at a budgeted cost of \$336,513 for the advocates’ salaries and fringe benefits, to provide services in Milwaukee Police Department (MPD) district stations to victims of domestic violence; and

WHEREAS, the existing contract (Adopted File No. 13-850) with Sojourner, which was approved by the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors (County Board) on December 19, 2013, ends on June 30, 2017, but the current OVW GTEA grant has been extended to September 30, 2017, and it is estimated that funding of approximately \$15,000 to \$20,000 for Sojourner will remain on the current grant as of July 1, 2017; and

WHEREAS, the District Attorney’s Office, Sojourner, and the MPD participate in the Community Domestic Abuse Advocacy Program, which was established in 2007, with the goals of assisting victims of domestic violence through confidential advocacy and support, enhancing the prosecution of domestic violence cases by increasing victims’ cooperation with the criminal justice system, and reducing domestic violence crimes and homicides in neighborhoods where MPD receives the most domestic violence-related calls for service; and

45 WHEREAS, the Federal OVW GTEA domestic violence grant requires no local
46 match, and the contractual payments to Sojourner have no tax levy effect because the
47 payments are offset entirely by Federal revenue; and
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49 WHEREAS, estimated 2017 contractual payments to Sojourner and offsetting
50 Federal revenue are included in the District Attorney's 2017 Adopted Budget, and 2018
51 payments to Sojourner and offsetting revenue will be included in the District Attorney's
52 2018 Requested Budget submission; and
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54 WHEREAS, the proposed 2017-2020 contract with Sojourner has been approved
55 in DocuSign by Community Business Development Partners, Risk Management,
56 Corporation Counsel as to form, the Comptroller, and the County Executive; and the
57 District Attorney's Office will resubmit the contract in DocuSign for Corporation
58 Counsel's second signature after County Board approval; and
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60 WHEREAS, the Committee on Finance and Audit, at its meeting of May 18,
61 2017, recommended adoption of File No. 17-348 (vote 7-0); now, therefore,
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63 BE IT RESOLVED, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors hereby
64 authorizes the District Attorney's Office to enter into a contract with the Sojourner
65 Family Peace Center, Inc., (Sojourner) in the approximate amount of \$356,500 to
66 continue the Office on Violence Against Women, Grants to Encourage Arrests and
67 Enforcement of Protection Orders, Federal domestic violence grant project, and to
68 reimburse Sojourner for the salaries and fringe benefits of two Victim Advocates, for the
69 period effective approximately July 1, 2017, to December 31, 2020.
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