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3 From the Sustainability Director, Department of Administrative Services, Facilities
4 Management Division, requesting authorization of \$2,171,566 in American Rescue Plan
5 Act funding for a new capital project named Climate Action Plan and Lighting Upgrades,
6 by recommending adoption of the following:

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8 **A RESOLUTION**

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10 WHEREAS, the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) was signed into law
11 by President Joseph Biden on March 11, 2021, in efforts to provide support to
12 individuals, families and businesses impacted by the Coronavirus Disease pandemic;
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15 WHEREAS, Milwaukee County (the County) will directly receive \$183 million in
16 ARPA funding through the Federal government’s State and Local Fiscal Recovery
17 Fund; and

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19 WHEREAS, on June 24, 2021, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors
20 (County Board) approved a resolution to establish the ARPA Task Force, which will use
21 a public process to make non-binding recommendations for ARPA allocations to the
22 County Board; and

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24 WHEREAS, in Adopted File No. 21-389, the County committed to becoming
25 carbon neutral by 2050, and requested the Director, Office of Sustainability, Department
26 of Administrative Services, to develop and administer a strategic plan to achieve carbon
27 neutrality in County facilities and operations by 2050; and

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29 WHEREAS, the ARPA Task Force recommended an allocation of \$2,171,566 in
30 ARPA funding for the Climate Action Plan and Lighting Upgrades project at its meeting
31 of March 10, 2022; and

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33 WHEREAS, the requested \$2,171,566 in ARPA funding will be used to advance
34 the County’s carbon neutrality initiative by: 1) launching a lighting upgrades program
35 (the Program) in County buildings; and 2) developing a “Climate Action 2050 Plan” (the
36 Plan) for County operations; and

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38 WHEREAS, the Program will reduce County operating costs and greenhouse
39 gas (GHG) emissions by approximately \$258,664, and 611 metric tons of carbon
40 dioxide equivalent per year, respectively; and

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42 WHEREAS, the Program will actively seek participation by women, people of
43 color, and residents of Qualified Census Tracts to help dismantle barriers to careers in
44 the trades, which offer good wages but currently lack racial/ethnic and gender diversity;
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47 WHEREAS, the Plan will identify GHG emission mitigation and climate
48 adaptation strategies that provide financial, equity, and health co-benefits for
49 communities of color and other vulnerable populations; and

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51 WHEREAS, the Committee on Finance, at its meeting of March 17, 2022,
52 recommended adoption of File No. 22-389 (vote 7-0); now, therefore,

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54 BE IT RESOLVED, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors hereby
55 authorizes the Office of Strategy, Budget, and Performance, and the Office of the
56 Comptroller, to create a new Capital Improvement Project named Climate Action Plan
57 and Lighting Upgrades, and to process an administrative appropriation transfer of
58 \$2,171,566 from Milwaukee County's allocated American Rescue Plan Act funding, to
59 establish budget authority for the project.

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