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3 Retroactive Approval to Apply for, and Accept the U.S. Small Business Administration
4 Shuttered Venue Operators Grant (SVOG) funds for the Fiscal Year 2021 for the
5 Milwaukee County Zoo, by recommending adoption of the following:

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7 **A RESOLUTION**

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9 WHEREAS, the Milwaukee County Zoo (the Zoo) is one of the top four
10 attractions and largest cultural institution in the State of Wisconsin (the State); and

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12 WHEREAS, the Zoo has a full-time staff of 152 employees, and an additional 200
13 seasonal and hourly employees during peak season; and

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15 WHEREAS, the Zoo grounds lie on a 192-acre wooded campus, and is home to
16 2,213 specimens of 330 species; and

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18 WHEREAS, the Zoo is open every day except Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day,
19 and New Year's Day; and

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21 WHEREAS, the Zoo was open for regular operations in 2020 through March 14,
22 2020; and

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24 WHEREAS, on March 15, 2020, the Zoo was forced to close to the public due to
25 the Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) pandemic, the State, and local health department
26 regulations; and

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28 WHEREAS, the United States Small Business Administration (SBA) created the
29 Shuttered Venues Operator Grant (SVOG) to provide emergency financial assistance
30 for eligible venues affected by COVID-19; and

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32 WHEREAS, funding is awarded to eligible venues based on revenue loss as a
33 direct result of the COVID-19 pandemic; and

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35 WHEREAS, the Zoo is an eligible venue for the SVOG opportunity, and incurred
36 significant revenue loss due to the COVID-19 pandemic; and

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38 WHEREAS, the Zoo applied for the SVOG on April 8, 2021, and the SBA
39 awarded the SVOG to the Zoo on August 8, 2021, without a local matching requirement;
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42 WHEREAS, the County will be the fiscal agent for the grant; and
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44 WHEREAS, the SVOG of more than \$6.8 million will help the Zoo meet its
45 mission to continue to inspire public understanding, support, and participation in global
46 conservation of animal species and their environment, by creating a unifying bond
47 between visitors and the living earth, and will provide an environment for personal
48 renewal and enjoyment for guests; and
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50 WHEREAS, the Committee on Finance, at its meeting of September 17, 2021,
51 recommended adoption of File No. 21-756 (vote 7-0); now, therefore,
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53 BE IT RESOLVED, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors hereby
54 authorizes the Milwaukee County Zoo (the Zoo) to accept the 2021 Shuttered Venues
55 Operator Grant (SVOG) funds; and
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57 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Director, Office of Performance, Strategy and
58 Budget (OPSB), Department of Administrative Services (DAS), in cooperation with the
59 Office of the Comptroller, (Comptroller) is hereby authorized to process an appropriation
60 transfer to recognize \$6,849,482.40 in grant funds, and establish expenditure authority
61 of \$6,849,482.40 to carry out the grant to benefit the Zoo; and
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63 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Director, OPSB-DAS, and the Comptroller are
64 authorized to process an additional appropriation transfer to recognize any additional
65 grant funds that may be received from the United States Small Business Administration
66 SVOG, and establish expenditure authority to carry out the grant to benefit the Zoo.
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