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(ITEM) A resolution by Supervisor Romo West, urging any employee or agent of Milwaukee County attempting to remove homeless individuals from an area within the County to notify the Department of Health and Human Services, Housing Division, and Milwaukee Continuum of Care prior to removal to allow these agencies the opportunity to offer care and assistance during the transition, by recommending adoption of the following:

A RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, on any given night in Milwaukee County (the County) there are 1,500 homeless people in need of shelter; and

WHEREAS, shelters in the County are often not capable of meeting shelter needs as revealed by the IMPACT 2-1-1 report from October 2013, through March 2014, that indicated IMPACT 2-1-1 received 3,006 calls requesting family shelter and 2,339 of those shelter requests were unfulfilled; and

WHEREAS, so far, in 2016 IMPACT 2-1-1 has reported that 200 families are on its waiting list for shelter, and a January 7, 2016, report by WISN TV 12 stated all shelters were at capacity as below zero temperatures remained imminent for the next few days; and

WHEREAS, without shelter, many individuals and families have no choice but to seek places outdoors that will offer little protection from the elements, such as under bridges or awnings, or County parks with trees that offer limited coverage from dangerously frigid conditions; and

WHEREAS, for the safety and well-being of homeless individuals and the families seeking shelter outdoors that are being removed by the County, it is imperative that the Department of Health and Human Services, Housing Division, and Milwaukee Continuum of Care are notified so assistance and care can be offered; and

WHEREAS, the Committee on Health and Human Needs, at its meeting of January 27, 2016, recommended adoption of this resolution (vote 6-0); now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, it is the policy of Milwaukee County (the County) that any County employee or agent attempting to remove homeless individuals from any County property shall notify the Department of Health and Human Services, Housing Division, and the Milwaukee Continuum of Care in order to allow these agencies to offer care and assistance during the transition; and

44 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the County will give homeless individuals five
45 days to receive assistance and to make alternate living arrangements; and

46 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the County Clerk shall forward this resolution to
47 all County Departments to ensure timely notice of this policy.

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