

1 Supervisor Staskunas, Chairperson,
2 By the Committee on Judiciary, Safety and General Services reporting on:

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4 File No. 21-1085

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6 A resolution by the Committee on Judiciary, Safety and General Services relating to an
7 informational report update from the Milwaukee County House of Correction and Office
8 of the Sheriff regarding the in-custody COVID-19 vaccination incentive program

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10 **A RESOLUTION**

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12 WHEREAS, on July 29, 2021, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors
13 adopted File No. 21-632, a resolution authorizing and requesting the House of
14 Correction and Office of the Sheriff to implement an incentive program encouraging
15 residents and occupants to receive a COVID-19 vaccination; and

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17 WHEREAS, the resolution further directed and authorized the House of
18 Correction and Office of the Sheriff to credit residents in-custody a one-time payment of
19 \$50 in their trust account if they receive the first dosage, or single dosage of the COVID-
20 19 vaccine while in custody; and

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22 WHEREAS, the fiscal note attached to File No. 21-632 authorizing the incentive
23 payments for 2021 assumed a maximum of 3,300 or 150 vaccines per week would be
24 administered from August 1, 2021, through December 31, 2021, at a cost of \$165,000
25 allocated from the County's Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES)
26 funding; and

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28 WHEREAS, the House of Correction and the Office of the Sheriff submitted an
29 informational report (21-1085) dated November 12, 2021, reporting since the program
30 started August 9, 2021, 140 residents at the House of Correction have been vaccinated
31 and 85 occupants at the Milwaukee County Jail, for a total cost of \$11,250; and

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33 WHEREAS, the \$11,250 expended thus far in 2021 is much less than the
34 \$165,000 earmarked for the program, which provides an opportunity to continue the
35 effort in 2022 without the need to allocate additional funding; and

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37 WHEREAS, although the average daily population fluctuates daily at both
38 facilities, as of November 12, 2021, only 47 percent of residents at the House of
39 Correction are fully vaccinated and 29 percent at the Milwaukee County Jail; and

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41 WHEREAS, the adopted resolution authorizing the program in File No. 21-632
42 authorizes the vaccination incentive program through December 31, 2021; and

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44 WHEREAS, at its meeting on December 2, 2021, the Committee on Judiciary,
45 Safety and General Services reviewed the informational report from the House of
46 Correction and Office of the Sheriff (File No. 21-1085) which recommended the program

47 be continued in 2022, but did not submit a resolution to do so requiring the Committee
48 to adopt this resolution; and

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50 WHEREAS, extending the incentive program for all of 2022 is prudent given the
51 challenges presented by COVID-19 variants and achieving a higher percentage of
52 residents fully vaccinated; and

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54 WHEREAS, the vaccination incentive program is a cost-effective incentive to
55 encourage persons in-custody to get vaccinated and minimize the spread of COVID-19;
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57 WHEREAS, the Committee on Judiciary, Safety, and General Services, at its
58 meeting of December 2, 2021, recommended adoption of said By the Committee
59 resolution (vote 5-0); now, therefore,

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61 BE IT RESOLVED, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors reauthorizes the
62 vaccine incentive program established and funded in File No. 21-632 to continue in
63 2022 from the unused funds previously appropriated; and

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65 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the House of Correction shall retain funds
66 previously deposited into its trust account (Fund 59180, Agency 998, Org 9180, Account
67 34005) and the Office of the Sheriff will retain funds previously deposited into its trust
68 account (Fund 59170, Agency 998, Org 9170, Account 34031); and

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70 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the COVID-19 vaccination incentive program shall
71 end on December 31, 2022 or after the remaining funds have been expended,
72 whichever is first, unless specifically authorized by the County Board of Supervisors to
73 continue; and

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75 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the House of the Correction and the Office of the
76 Sheriff shall provide a written report quarterly to the Milwaukee County Board of
77 Supervisors on the status of the vaccination incentive program beginning in April 2022.

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