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3 **A SUBSTITUTE RESOLUTION**

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5 Opposing the Opportunity Schools and Partnership Program proposal pending in the  
6 Wisconsin Legislature

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9 WHEREAS, Article IV, Section 22 of the Wisconsin Constitution provides that  
10 counties shall serve as the administrative entity for state government, providing such  
11 services as records management, administration of elections and law enforcement;  
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14 WHEREAS, Article X, Section 3 of the Wisconsin Constitution provides for the  
15 establishment of school districts in Wisconsin for the purpose of carrying out the  
16 provision of a free education for the children of this state; and

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18 WHEREAS, through the recent adoption of 2015 Wisconsin Act 55 ("Act 55")  
19 the Wisconsin legislature created the Opportunity Schools and Partnership Program  
20 (OSPP), which requires that the Milwaukee County Executive appoint and supervise  
21 a Commissioner who will oversee the turnover of under-resourced and underserved  
22 Milwaukee Public School Districts (MPS) to public charter or private voucher school  
23 operators; and

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25 WHEREAS, county administrators, including the Milwaukee County Executive,  
26 tend to lack the requisite skill, knowledge and expertise to execute the Constitutional  
27 mandate to educate children in this state; and

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29 WHEREAS, the proposed program will diminish the power of Milwaukee voters  
30 and residents to self-govern their public school district; and

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32 WHEREAS, additionally, Milwaukee County taxpayers, especially those residing  
33 outside the City of Milwaukee not served by MPS, should not be expected to support  
34 the administration of education in a school district where they lack control over the  
35 expenditure of its tax dollars; now, therefore,

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37 BE IT RESOLVED, that the Milwaukee County Board opposes the  
38 provisions of the Opportunity Schools and Partnership Program (OSPP)  
39 proposal approved by the Wisconsin State Legislature and requests the  
40 Milwaukee County Executive advocate for its repeal; and

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42 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that it is the policy of this County that:

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- The Commissioner of the OSPP may not participate in or receive benefits from Milwaukee County's pension or health care system;
- Milwaukee County employees, including its elected officials, may only engage in activities related to the OSPP that are explicitly mandated by statute, and may not otherwise engage in activities related to the OSPP not specifically required by statute;
- All time spent by Milwaukee County employees and elected officials administering or otherwise in engaging in activities related to the OSPP shall be tracked and recorded by each employee or elected official and reported to the Milwaukee County Board on a quarterly basis; and,
- Milwaukee County shall seek reimbursement for all time spent by its employees or elected officials administering the OSPP.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Board requests Corporation Counsel produce an analysis of liability issues for Milwaukee County due to this legislation as soon as practicable; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Milwaukee County Comptroller is requested to provide the County Board with a cost analysis for Milwaukee County due to this legislation as soon as practicable; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Clerk shall forward copies of this resolution to members of the Milwaukee County delegation of the State Legislature and the Governor.