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From the Chief Judge and Clerk of Circuit Court requesting authorization to enter into a five-year agreement with Legal Aid Society of Milwaukee (LAS), a non-profit organization, for a five-year period beginning January 1, 2022, through December 31, 2026, by recommending adoption of the following:

A RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, on July 19, 2021, Milwaukee County (the County) issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) for Guardian ad Litem (GAL) Services for the Children’s Division and Family Division court cases, RFP Number 98210021; and

WHEREAS, on September 7, 2021, the County received one application for GAL services for the period of 2022-2026 with a potential five-year extension; and

WHEREAS, a committee was set up to review the applications and the Legal Aid Society of Milwaukee (LAS) was selected as the agency to be awarded the contract; and

WHEREAS, there are a set number of cases that LAS will take, and if LAS takes additional cases over that set amount, the County will pay the per case rate above the contracted case number of \$811.53 in 2022, \$835.88 in 2023, \$869.31 in 2024, \$912.86 in 2025, and \$958.52 in 2026; and

WHEREAS, the Committee on Judiciary, Safety, and General Services, at its special virtual joint meeting of December 21, 2021, recommended adoption of File No. 21-1037 (vote 4-0); and

WHEREAS, the Committee on Finance, at its special virtual joint meeting of December 21, 2021, recommended adoption of File No. 21-1037 (vote 7-0); now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors hereby authorize the Chief Judge, First Judicial District, and the Clerk of Circuit Court to enter into a contract with the Legal Aid Society of Milwaukee for \$13,960,740, for the effective period of January 1, 2021, through December 31, 2026, with a possible five-year extension after 2026, and the contract funds for 2022 are included in the 2022 Adopted Budget, while subsequent funding will be reflected in the budget requests for the corresponding years.