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4 **A RESOLUTION**

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6 To commit Milwaukee County to the principles of open, accessible, efficient, and
7 transparent government by supporting and expanding the pursuit of Open Data that
8 promotes civic engagement
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11 WHEREAS, according to opendatahandbook.org, Open Data is “data that can be
12 freely used, re-used and redistributed by anyone - subject only, at most, to the
13 requirement to attribute and share alike”; and
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15 WHEREAS, a foundational element of this philosophy is proactive disclosure of
16 County data in an Open Data format; and
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18 WHEREAS, Open Data is non-personal data and is not data about specific
19 individuals; and
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21 WHEREAS, Open Data principles in practice provide the following key benefits:
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- 23 1. *Contribute to and promote more effective civic engagement.* Sharing of data
24 builds transparency, which leads to greater constituent understanding,
25 awareness, and involvement in government activities;
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- 27 2. *Improve the delivery of public services.* Accessibility of data allows government
28 to showcase service results, which builds trust and credibility, and provides
29 citizens the data they need to engage and contribute;
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- 31 3. *Increase process efficiencies.* The sharing and updating of Open Data in a
32 consistent manner reduces one-off requests for data and provides for process
33 efficiencies among departments, partners, and vendors, while also providing self-
34 service to constituents;
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- 36 4. *Increase opportunities for economic development & innovation.* Open,
37 accessible data provides businesses an ability to assess potential markets for
38 new opportunities and provides for collaboration with constituents for innovative
39 services
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- 41 5. *It's the Law:* Most County data is public by law and Open Data will offer efficient,
42 and likely less expensive, access to these public assets; and
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44 WHEREAS, for example, the Milwaukee County Land Information Office
45 (MCLIO) has established a geographic information system (GIS) Open Data Portal on
46 the County website to provide the public with access to the geographic data available
47 through the MCLIO (gis-mclio.opendata.arcgis.com); and
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49 WHEREAS, additional efforts could be made to expand the County's Open Data
50 Portal, led by the Department of Administrative Services – Information Management
51 Services Division (DAS-IMSD) and by departments that hold the data; and
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53 WHEREAS, Milwaukee County adopted Chapter 108 of the Milwaukee Code of
54 General Ordinances (MCGO), including Section 108.02 - County strategic priority,
55 mission, vision, and values which states:
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57 (1) The institutionalization of racial equity in the County's mission, vision, values,
58 and services are of the utmost priority. Milwaukee County government declares
59 that:

60 (a) Racism has been, is, and will continue to be, a public health crisis until
61 race is no longer a predictor of quality or length of life in Milwaukee County.

62 (b) The vision of the County be: "By achieving racial equity, Milwaukee is
63 the healthiest county in Wisconsin."

64 (c) The mission of the County be: "We enhance the quality of life in
65 Milwaukee County through great public service."

66 (d) The values guiding the culture of the County workforce be:
67 i. Respect: We work with and for others.
68 ii. Integrity: We do the right thing.
69 iii. Excellence: We never stop improving.
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73 WHEREAS, the County's Strategy Dashboard provides information
74 (county.milwaukee.gov/EN/Vision/Strategy-Dashboard) on institutional practices, living
75 conditions, and health outcomes in Milwaukee County and already includes Workforce
76 Data and Medical Examiner's Mortality Data; and
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78 WHEREAS, adding more data to the County's Open Data Portal and Strategy
79 Dashboard will help the County align to and achieve the mission, vision, and values the
80 County has adopted as part of MCGO Chapter 108 – Achieving Racial Equity and
81 Health; and
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83 WHEREAS, to expand and promote the Open Data philosophy and mission will
84 require DAS-IMSD to develop guidelines and best practices and the commitment of all

85 departments to identify and examine data sets that can be shared in an open format;
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88 WHEREAS, the Committee on Finance, at its meeting of March 17, 2022,
89 recommended adoption of File No. 22-420 (vote 7-0); now, therefore,

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91 BE IT RESOLVED, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors hereby supports
92 and promotes the philosophy and principles of open, accessible, efficient, and
93 transparent government that promote civic engagement by endorsing the expansion of
94 Open Data in Milwaukee County government; and

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96 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Department of Administrative Services –
97 Information Management Services Division (DAS-IMSD), working in conjunction with
98 other staff as needed, is requested to develop administrative guidelines for a technical
99 platform for an Open Data Portal that is supportable, updateable, and accessible; and

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101 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all County departments are requested to
102 support the concept of Open Data and share with DAS-IMSD their short and long-term
103 goals of publishing department data for the benefit of the public; and

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105 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that DAS-IMSD is requested to provide a report to
106 the County Board of Supervisors for consideration no later than the September 2022
107 meeting cycle on the steps taken to expand the Open Data initiative and resources that
108 may be needed to facilitate the effort.

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