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From the Director, Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), requesting authorization to transfer up to \$500,000 of its projected 2018 operating surplus to Capital Project WS12401-Secured Youth Facility Phase I, for planning and design of a Secured Residential Care Center for Children and Youth, by recommending adoption of the following:

A RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, over the past few years, the County Executive and the Milwaukee County Board Supervisors (County Board) have been working with key stakeholders to address the crisis at Lincoln Hills and Copper Lake and have embraced policies surrounding the creation of a local alternative option for Milwaukee County (the County) youth to be placed in a safe environment that is closer to home; and

WHEREAS, in March 2018, the Wisconsin State Legislature adopted Act 185 (the Act), which directs the closure of Lincoln Hills and Copper Lake for use as youth correctional facilities by January 1, 2021, with counties assuming responsibility for operating Secured Residential Care Centers for Children and Youth (SRCCCYs); and

WHEREAS, under the Act, the State Building Commission can authorize up to \$40 million to counties for the planning and construction of these facilities and eligible construction costs include new construction, as well as the renovation of an existing structure; and

WHEREAS, to qualify for the funds, counties must submit grant applications to the Juvenile Corrections Grant Committee in the Wisconsin Department of Corrections by March 31, 2019, covering the following types of facilities:

- 95 percent of the design and construction costs of a SRCCCY
- 95 percent of the design and construction costs of a facility housing both a SRCCCY and a youth detention facility
- 100 percent of the design and construction costs of a SRCCCY or a portion of a SRCCCY for female youth only

; and

WHEREAS, the Division of Youth and Family Services (DYFS), Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), has assembled a Steering Committee and workgroups to formulate recommendations and options for the development of a secure, local alternative for County youth; and

44 WHEREAS, under Section 938.34(4m), Wisconsin State Statutes, the mission of
45 the project is to establish a safe, positive, sustainable, and developmentally appropriate
46 treatment environment for youth committed to the county that effectively promotes
47 accountability, protects the community, reduces recidivism, and returns youth to our
48 community with the skills needed to become successful and productive citizens; and
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50 WHEREAS, in September 2018, the County Board adopted File No. 18-633
51 authorizing the creation of Capital Project WS12401 - Secured Youth Facility Phase 1
52 with a budget of \$3 million to support the initial planning and design as well as cover the
53 five percent contribution toward the overall project; and
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55 WHEREAS, DHHS is anticipating a total department-wide tax levy surplus of
56 about \$1.2 million as reported in its December 2018 fiscal report, and a portion of this
57 surplus is being generated within DYFS due to the delay in opening the Bakari House
58 Residential Care Center; and
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60 WHEREAS, the Committee on Health and Human Needs, at its meeting of
61 March 13, 2019, recommended adoption of File No. 19-235 (vote 5-0) and;
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63 WHEREAS, the Committee on Finance and Audit, at its meeting of March 14,
64 2019, recommended adoption of File No. 19-235 (vote 5-0); now, therefore,
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66 BE IT RESOLVED, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors hereby
67 authorizes the Director, Department of Health and Human Services, or her designee, to
68 transfer up to \$500,000 of its projected 2018 tax levy surplus to Capital Project
69 WS12401 - Secured Youth Facility Phase 1; and
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71 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Office of the Comptroller, and the Office of
72 Performance, Strategy, and Budget, Department of Administrative Services, are
73 authorized and directed to transfer up to \$500,000 in tax levy surplus from Org. Unit
74 8000 - Department of Health and Human Services to Capital Project WS12401-Secured
75 Youth Facility Phase 1.
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