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4 **A RESOLUTION**  
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6 Supporting the passage of State Assembly Bill 447 relating to the granting of immunity  
7 from certain criminal prosecutions for offenses relating to a controlled substance or a  
8 controlled substance analog  
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11 WHEREAS, State Assembly Bill 447 relates to the granting of immunity from  
12 certain criminal prosecutions for offenses relating to a controlled substance, granting  
13 immunity to someone (an aider) who brings another person to an emergency room or  
14 other health facility, or who summons police or emergency medical assistance, or who  
15 administers aid to another person because the aider believes the other person is  
16 suffering from an overdose; and  
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18 WHEREAS, State Assembly Bill 447 would also grant immunity to a person for  
19 possessing naloxone or for administering or delivering naloxone to another person if he  
20 or she administered naloxone to the other person with the good faith belief that the  
21 other person was suffering from an overdose or an adverse reaction to a controlled  
22 substance or a controlled substance analog; and  
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24 WHEREAS, the provisions contained in the bill are aimed at addressing the  
25 growing number of prescription drug and heroin overdoses in Milwaukee County and  
26 throughout the State of Wisconsin; and  
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28 WHEREAS, the *Milwaukee Journal Sentinel* reported in June 2013 that heroin  
29 overdose deaths had surpassed cocaine fatalities in Milwaukee County; that of 159  
30 overdose deaths in 2012, 34 were caused by cocaine and 38 were caused solely by  
31 heroin; and  
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33 WHEREAS, heroin overdoses are affecting suburbs and cities throughout  
34 Wisconsin, and Assembly Bill 447 would take steps that many other states have already  
35 taken; now, therefore,  
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37 BE IT RESOLVED, that the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors hereby  
38 supports the passage of Wisconsin State Assembly Bill 447, which takes steps to  
39 address the growing number of prescription drug and heroin overdoses in Wisconsin;  
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42 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Intergovernmental Relations staff is hereby  
43 authorized and directed to register Milwaukee County's support of this bill and  
44 communicate the contents of this resolution to State elected officials and any other  
45 interested stakeholders.