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3 Medical Examiner Agreement with Racine County to Provide Autopsy Support, by
4 recommending adoption of the following:

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6 **A RESOLUTION**
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8 WHEREAS, Milwaukee County (Milwaukee) and Racine County (Racine) each
9 have responsibilities under Sections 59 and 979, Wisconsin State Statutes (State
10 Statutes), regarding the investigation of deaths occurring in their respective counties;
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13 WHEREAS, Racine does not employ a board-certified Forensic Pathologist as its
14 Medical Examiner, and has contracted for this service with Milwaukee since 2018; and

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16 WHEREAS, these agreements mutually benefit Racine and Milwaukee, as these
17 agreements generate revenue that offset current fixed costs of the Milwaukee County
18 Medical Examiner's Office (the ME); and

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20 WHEREAS, the ME's 2024 Adopted Budget includes revenue generated from
21 the proposed 2024 Agreement for autopsy services, consulting, external exams, and
22 testimony; and

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24 WHEREAS, the ME estimates receiving \$180,000 from Racine in 2024 from the
25 agreement for autopsy services, consulting, external exams, and testimony; and

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27 WHEREAS, since 2018, the ME has provided similar services to Racine, and the
28 agreements for autopsy services between the parties have an aggregate value greater
29 than \$300,000; and

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31 WHEREAS, Section 59.52(31)(c), State Statutes, requires approval by the
32 Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors (County Board) of a contract when the group of
33 contracts between the same parties, which generally relate to the same transaction,
34 have an aggregate value of more than \$300,000; and

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36 WHEREAS, adopted File No. 19-348's audit recommendations included that the
37 County Board should approve ME's autopsy fee; and

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39 WHEREAS, the Committee on Finance, at its meeting of March 14, 2024,
40 recommended adoption of File No. 24-284 (vote 7-0); now, therefore,
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42 BE IT RESOLVED, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors authorizes the
43 Milwaukee County Medical Examiner's Office to enter into an Agreement for autopsy
44 services, consulting, external exams, and testimony, with Racine County from
45 January 1, 2024, through December 31, 2024, for a cost of \$1,800 per autopsy, \$900
46 per external exam, and \$500 per hour for testimony, a copy of which has been attached
47 to, and made a part of this file; and

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49 BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED, the aforementioned Agreement shall only be
50 executed after review and approval by Corporation Counsel, Risk Management,
51 Department of Administrative Services, the Office of the Comptroller, and the County
52 Executive.

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