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3 (ITEM) From the Milwaukee County District Attorney, requesting authorization to
4 apply for supplemental Victims of Crime Act funding in the amount of \$83,760, and to
5 accept the grant if awarded using approximately \$79,110 for the salary and fringe
6 benefits of a new victim/witness advocate located in the Family Justice Center, and
7 approximately \$4,650 for computer equipment, by recommending adoption of the
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10 **A RESOLUTION**

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12 WHEREAS, the District Attorney's Office is requesting, pursuant to Section
13 56.06(1) of the Milwaukee County Code of General Ordinances, permission to apply for
14 supplemental Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) funding in the amount of \$83,760 (\$67,005
15 in Federal funds plus \$16,755 in local match funds) from the Wisconsin Department of
16 Justice (DOJ), and to accept the supplemental VOCA grant if awarded; and
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18 WHEREAS, the District Attorney's Office has a longstanding VOCA program that
19 provides funding for some training expenses and the salaries and fringe benefits of 5.0
20 Full Time Equivalent (FTE) employees (3.0 FTE Sensitive Crime Victim Advocates in
21 the Sensitive Crimes Unit and 2.0 FTE Victim/Witness Advocates in the Crisis
22 Response Unit); and
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24 WHEREAS, the VOCA grant funds 80 percent of project expenses with a 20
25 percent local match requirement; and
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27 WHEREAS, in mid-October 2015, the DOJ announced a round of supplemental
28 VOCA funding, with an application deadline of November 17, 2015, to provide up to
29 \$100,000 in supplemental VOCA funding to existing VOCA grant recipients to enhance
30 services to crime victims; and
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32 WHEREAS, the District Attorney's 2015 and 2016 budgets include funding for
33 equipment, but no personnel for the District Attorney's portion of the Family Justice
34 Center (FJC), scheduled to open in January 2016, within the new Sojourner Family
35 Peace Center at North 6th and West Walnut Streets in Milwaukee, Wisconsin; and
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37 WHEREAS, District Attorney victim/witness advocates, Sojourner Family Peace
38 Center victim advocates, Children's Hospital of Wisconsin, the Milwaukee Police
39 Department, Jewish Family Services, Wraparound Milwaukee, and other service
40 providers will be located in the FJC at the Sojourner Family Peace Center to provide
41 collaborative, one-stop services to victims of domestic violence and child abuse and
42 their families; and

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WHEREAS, this supplemental VOCA grant, if awarded, will provide additional funding of \$83,760 (\$67,005 in Federal funds plus \$16,755 in local match funds), consisting of approximately \$79,110 for the salary and fringe benefits of a new victim/witness advocate, located at the FJC, and approximately \$4,650 in computer equipment, including a tablet and printer for the new victim/witness advocate located at the FJC and an additional laptop for the District Attorney's Crisis Response Unit; and

WHEREAS, acceptance of this supplemental VOCA grant, if awarded, will have no tax levy effect because the District Attorney's Office will absorb the local match expenses of approximately \$16,755 within its 2016 Adopted Budget and no appropriation of funds is required; and

WHEREAS, the Committee on Judiciary, Safety, and General Services, at its meeting of December 3, 2015, recommended adoption of the District Attorney's request (vote 5-0); and

WHEREAS, the Committee on Finance, Personnel, and Audit, at its meeting of December 10, 2015, also recommended adoption of the District Attorney's request (vote 6-0); now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes and approves the District Attorney's request, pursuant to Section 56.06(1) of the Milwaukee County Code of General Ordinances, to apply for supplemental Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) funding in the amount of \$83,760 (\$67,005 in Federal funds plus \$16,755 in local match funds) from the Wisconsin Department of Justice and to accept the supplemental VOCA grant if awarded.

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