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(ITEM ) From the District Attorney, requesting authorization to create one Victim/Witness Advocate (title code 84170, pay range 16A) position to implement a supplemental Victims of Crime Act grant award, by recommending adoption of the following:

**A RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, the District Attorney requests the creation of 1.0 Full Time Equivalent (FTE) position of Victim/Witness Advocate in the District Attorney’s Office, job code 84170, pay range 16A, to implement a supplemental Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) grant award; and

WHEREAS, File No. 15-736, adopted in the December 2015 cycle, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors (County Board), pursuant to Section 56.06(1) of the Milwaukee County Code of General Ordinances, gave the District Attorney’s Office permission to apply for supplemental VOCA funding of \$83,760 (\$67,005 federal funds + \$16,755 local match) from the Wisconsin Department of Justice (DOJ), and to accept the supplemental VOCA grant if awarded; and

WHEREAS, the District Attorney’s Office has a longstanding VOCA program that provides funding for some training expenses and the salaries and fringe benefits of 5.0 FTE employees – 3.0 FTE Sensitive Crime Victim Advocates in the Sensitive Crimes Unit and 2.0 FTE Victim/Witness Advocates in the Crisis Response Unit; and

WHEREAS, the VOCA grant funds 80 percent of project expenses with a 20 percent local match requirement; and

WHEREAS, in mid-October 2015, the DOJ announced a round of supplemental VOCA funding to provide up to \$100,000 in supplemental VOCA funding to existing VOCA grant recipients to enhance services to crime victims; and

WHEREAS, the District Attorney’s Adopted 2015 and 2016 Budgets include funding for equipment, but no personnel, for the District Attorney’s portion of the Family Justice Center, scheduled to open this month within the new Sojourner Family Peace Center at North 6<sup>th</sup> and West Walnut Streets in Milwaukee; and

WHEREAS, District Attorney victim/witness advocates, Sojourner Family Peace Center victim advocates, Children’s Hospital, the Milwaukee Police Department, Jewish Family Services, Wraparound Milwaukee, and other service providers will be located in the Family Justice Center at the Sojourner Family Peace Center to provide collaborative, one-stop services to victims of domestic violence and child abuse and their families; and

46 WHEREAS, on January 5, 2016, the DOJ notified the District Attorney's Office of  
47 the award of the supplemental VOCA grant, which will provide funding of approximately  
48 \$79,110 for the salary and fringe benefits of a new Victim/Witness Advocate, located at the  
49 Family Justice Center, and approximately \$4,650 in computer equipment, consisting of a  
50 tablet and printer for the new Victim/Witness Advocate and an additional laptop for the  
51 District Attorney's Crisis Response Unit; and

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53 WHEREAS, creation of this Victim/Witness Advocate position will have no tax levy  
54 effect because the District Attorney' Office will absorb the local match expenses within its  
55 2016 Adopted Budget; and

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57 WHEREAS, no appropriation of funds is required, but the District Attorney's Office  
58 will submit a fund transfer to provide 2016 budgetary authority for the supplemental VOCA  
59 grant expenditures and revenue from the DOJ; and

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61 WHEREAS, the Committee on Finance, Personnel, and Audit, at its meeting of  
62 January 28, 2016, recommended adoption of the District Attorney's request (vote 7-0);  
63 now, therefore,

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65 BE IT RESOLVED, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors hereby  
66 authorizes and approves the following position action for the District Attorney's Office,  
67 Org. Unit 4501, effective at the start of pay period 5 on February 14, 2016:

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<u>Action</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>No. of Positions</u>	<u>Job Code</u>	<u>Pay Range</u>
Create	Victim/Witness Advocate	1.0 FTE	84170	16A

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