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8 Paris Agreement and affirming support for the scientific conclusions of the Greenhouse
9 Gas Endangerment Finding
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20 and welfare, thereby providing the scientific and legal foundation for regulating
21 emissions to mitigate climate change; and
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25 limiting a global temperature rise this century to well below 2 degrees Celsius above
26 pre-industrial levels, and to pursue efforts to limit the temperature increase even further
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37 stop climate change; and
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39 WHEREAS, on September 28, 2017 the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors
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41 and goals of the Paris Agreement for climate change awareness; and
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49 WHEREAS, on April 24, 2025, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors
50 adopted File No. 25-262 approving the Milwaukee County Climate Action (CA50) Plan,
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54 WHEREAS, Milwaukee County has reported a 46% reduction in operational
55 greenhouse gas emissions relative to 2005, marking significant progress; and
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59 made across the country to reduce greenhouse gas emissions; and
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65 term economic resilience; and
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67 WHEREAS, we all have a moral, economic, public health, and security
68 imperative to act as individuals, as counties, and as a global community to protect our
69 planet, fellow human beings, and future generations; now, therefore,
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71 BE IT RESOLVED, that the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors hereby
72 recommits Milwaukee County to its ongoing efforts and practices that support the spirit
73 of the principles and targets outlined in the Paris Agreement, including any practices
74 that assist in reducing greenhouse gas emissions and limit global warming; and
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76 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Milwaukee County reaffirms its allegiance with
77 other states and global partners that continue to adhere to the principles and goals of
78 the Paris Agreement; and
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80 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors
81 affirms its continued support for the scientific conclusions of the Endangerment Finding,
82 recognizing the necessity of regulating greenhouse gas emissions to protect public
83 health, safeguard environmental sustainability, and ensure long-term economic
84 resilience; and
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87 hereby requests that the Director, Office of Sustainability, Facilities Management
88 Division, Department of Administrative Services continue to administer the Climate
89 Action 2050 strategic plan and lead emissions reduction strategies outlined within; and
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91 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Director of Government Affairs is
92 requested to provide a copy of this resolution to the members of the Wisconsin State
93 Legislature, the Governor of Wisconsin, and the Wisconsin Counties Association.

MILWAUKEE COUNTY FISCAL NOTE FORM

DATE: 2/20/2026

Original Fiscal Note

Substitute Fiscal Note

SUBJECT: A resolution reaffirming Milwaukee County’s commitment to the principles and goals of the Paris Agreement and affirming support for the scientific conclusions of the Greenhouse Gas Endangerment Finding.

FISCAL EFFECT:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Direct County Fiscal Impact
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Existing Staff Time Required
<input type="checkbox"/> Increase Operating Expenditures
(If checked, check one of two boxes below)
<input type="checkbox"/> Absorbed Within Agency’s Budget
<input type="checkbox"/> Not Absorbed Within Agency’s Budget
<input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Operating Expenditures
<input type="checkbox"/> Increase Operating Revenues
<input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Operating Revenues | <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Capital Expenditures
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<input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Capital Revenues
<input type="checkbox"/> Use of contingent funds |
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Indicate below the dollar change from budget for any submission that is projected to result in increased/decreased expenditures or revenues in the current year.

	Expenditure or Revenue Category	Current Year	Subsequent Year
Operating Budget	Expenditure	\$0	\$0
	Revenue	\$0	\$0
	Net Cost	\$0	\$0
Capital Improvement Budget	Expenditure	\$0	\$0
	Revenue	\$0	\$0
	Net Cost	\$0	\$0

DESCRIPTION OF FISCAL EFFECT

In the space below, you must provide the following information. Attach additional pages if necessary.

- A. Briefly describe the nature of the action that is being requested or proposed, and the new or changed conditions that would occur if the request or proposal were adopted.
 - B. State the direct costs, savings or anticipated revenues associated with the requested or proposed action in the current budget year and how those were calculated. ¹ If annualized or subsequent year fiscal impacts are substantially different from current year impacts, then those shall be stated as well. In addition, cite any one-time costs associated with the action, the source of any new or additional revenues (e.g. State, Federal, user fee or private donation), the use of contingent funds, and/or the use of budgeted appropriations due to surpluses or change in purpose required to fund the requested action.
 - C. Discuss the budgetary impacts associated with the proposed action in the current year. A statement that sufficient funds are budgeted should be justified with information regarding the amount of budgeted appropriations in the relevant account and whether that amount is sufficient to offset the cost of the requested action. If relevant, discussion of budgetary impacts in subsequent years also shall be discussed. Subsequent year fiscal impacts shall be noted for the entire period in which the requested or proposed action would be implemented when it is reasonable to do so (i.e. a five-year lease agreement shall specify the costs/savings for each of the five years in question). Otherwise, impacts associated with the existing and subsequent budget years should be cited.
 - D. Describe any assumptions or interpretations that were utilized to provide the information on this form.
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- A. Approval of this resolution reaffirms Milwaukee County's commitment to the principles and goals of the Paris Agreement and affirms support for the scientific conclusions of the Greenhouse Gas Endangerment Finding, and sends a copy to the Wisconsin State Legislature, the Wisconsin Governor, and the Wisconsin Counties Association.
 - B. There are no costs or revenues associated with this resolution. Existing staff time will be needed to send this resolution to the Wisconsin State Legislature, the Wisconsin Governor, and the Wisconsin Counties Association.
 - C. This resolution does not require additional resources that have not been appropriated within the 2026 Adopted Budget.
 - D. No assumptions were used.

Department/Prepared By Jane Geyer, Research Services Division, Office of the Comptroller

Authorized Signature *Jane Geyer*

Did DAS-Fiscal Staff Review? Yes No

¹ If it is assumed that there is no fiscal impact associated with the requested action, then an explanatory statement that justifies that conclusion shall be provided. If precise impacts cannot be calculated, then an estimate or range should be provided.

² Community Business Development Partners' review is required on all professional service and public work construction contracts.

Did CDBP Review?²

Yes

No

Not Required

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