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(ITEM) From the Director, Department on Aging, requesting authorization for the County Executive, or his designee, to execute a contract with the Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) enabling the Department on Aging to serve as the Aging Resource Center of Milwaukee County under the Department of Family Care, effective January 1, 2015, through December 31, 2015, and to accept \$2,773,238 and such other revenues as DHS may award to operate the Aging Resource Center in 2015, by recommending adoption of the following:

A RESOLUTION

WHEREAS in the 1990's, the Wisconsin Department of Health and Family Services as it was then known, engaged in a comprehensive initiative to redesign Wisconsin's Long-Term Support services for older adults and persons with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, the result of that initiative is the long-term care program known as Family Care; and

WHEREAS, a major purpose of Family Care is to divert persons requiring long-term care from expensive publicly funded nursing homes to more appropriate community-based forms of care; and

WHEREAS, one component of Family Care enables counties to serve as Aging and Disability Resource Centers; and

WHEREAS, the Aging Resource Center of Milwaukee County is responsible for providing information and assistance, benefits counseling, access to Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Supplemental Security Income Exceptional Expense (SSI-E), Medicaid, and Food Share; and

WHEREAS, the Aging Resource Center of Milwaukee County is responsible for providing emergency response, elder abuse and protective services, transitional services, prevention and early intervention services, long-term care options counseling, and access to the Family Care benefit; and

WHEREAS, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors has authorized the Department on Aging to participate as the Aging Resource Center of Milwaukee County each year since 2000; and

WHEREAS, the Department on Aging is seeking authorization to continue to serve as the Aging Resource Center of Milwaukee County for the period effective January 1, 2015, through December 31, 2015; and

WHEREAS, the State of Wisconsin has allocated \$2,773,238 to pay for the services to be provided by the Aging Resource Center of Milwaukee County in 2015; and

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WHEREAS, the Committee on Health and Human Needs, at its meeting of December 10, 2014, recommended adoption of the Department's request (vote 6-0); and

WHEREAS, the Committee on Finance, Personnel, and Audit, at its meeting of December 11, 2014, also recommended adoption of the Department's request (vote 8-0); now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, the Milwaukee County Executive, or his designee, is hereby authorized to execute a contract with the Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) enabling the Department on Aging to serve as the Aging Resource Center of Milwaukee County for the period effective January 1, 2015, through December 31, 2015; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Milwaukee County Executive, or his designee, is hereby authorized to accept \$2,773,238 from DHS and such other revenues as DHS may award to operate the Aging Resource Center of Milwaukee County in 2015.

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