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Report from the Director, Department of Health and Human Services, requesting authorization to sign Cooperation Agreements for years 2024, 2025 and 2026 designating Milwaukee County as an Urban County in order to receive Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds, by recommending adoption of the following:

A RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the United States (U.S.) Congress enacted the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (Public Law 93-383) as amended (the Act), providing Federal assistance for the support of community development activities, which are directed toward the specific objectives identified in Section 101 of the Act; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Congress also enacted the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act (Public Law 100-625) as amended (NAHA), providing Federal assistance for, among other things, the HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME), which is intended to increase the number of families served with decent, safe, sanitary, and affordable housing, and to expand the long-term supply of affordable housing; and

WHEREAS, the Act makes possible the allocation of funds to Milwaukee County (the County) for the purpose of undertaking only community development program activities identified in Section 105 of the Act; and

WHEREAS, NAHA makes possible the allocation of funds to the County, for the purpose of undertaking housing programs identified in Section 211 of NAHA; and

WHEREAS, the County intends to apply to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for funds authorized under the Act and NAHA; and

WHEREAS, the Act recognizes that municipalities may enter into Cooperation Agreements with the County, in order to undertake housing and community development activities as authorized in Section 105 of The Act; and

WHEREAS, the County and municipalities have determined that joint action is an effective way to accomplish the purposes of said Act and NAHA; and

WHEREAS, counties in the State of Wisconsin (the State), pursuant to Section 59.01, State Statues, and municipalities in the State, pursuant to Section 66.0301, State Statutes, have the necessary authority to enter into contracts of the type herein contemplated; and

44 WHEREAS, the purpose of this Cooperation Agreement is to establish the
45 mutual desire to cooperate, to undertake, or to assist in undertaking, community renewal
46 and lower-income housing assistance activities, by means of submitting a Consolidated
47 Plan and Annual Action Plan for both HUD Community Development Block Grant Funds
48 as an urban county from Federal Fiscal Years (FFY) 2024, 2025, and 2026
49 appropriations, and from any program income generated from the expenditure of such
50 funds, and HUD HOME funds from appropriations in the same three FFYs, and from any
51 program income generated from the expenditure of such funds; and

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53 WHEREAS, the Committee on Community, Environment, and Economic
54 Development, at its meeting of June 12, 2023, recommended adoption of File No. 23-611
55 (vote 5-0); now, therefore,

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57 BE IT RESOLVED, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors hereby
58 authorizes the Director, Department of Health and Human Services, or her designee, to
59 enter into a Cooperation Agreement with each of the 16 municipalities to establish the
60 mutual desire to cooperate, to undertake, or assist in undertaking, community renewal
61 and lower-income housing assistance activities, by means of submitting a Consolidated
62 Plan and Annual Action Plan for both the United States Housing and Urban
63 Development (HUD) Community Development Block Grant Funds, as an urban county
64 from Federal Fiscal Years (FFY) 2024, 2025, and 2026 appropriations, and from any
65 program income generated from the expenditure of such funds, and HUD HOME
66 Investment Partnership Program funds from appropriations in the same three FFYs, and
67 from any program income generated from the expenditure of such funds.

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