

4 **AN ENGROSSED RESOLUTION**
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6 Declaring November 2022 National Runaway Prevention Month in Milwaukee County
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9 WHEREAS, November is National Runaway Prevention Month, which began in
10 2002 and is presented annually by the National Runaway Safeline organization, the
11 federally designated national crisis and communication system for youth ages 12 to 21
12 who run away, are considering leaving home, or are experiencing homelessness; and
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14 WHEREAS, runaway youth are often expelled from their homes, have
15 experienced trauma, struggle to meet basic needs, and are at increased danger of
16 falling into high-risk situations, including human trafficking; and
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18 WHEREAS, according to the University of Chicago Chapin Hall's Voices of Youth
19 Count organization:
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- 21 • One in 30 youth aged 13 to 17 endures some form of homelessness in a year
- 22 • One in 10 young adults, aged 18 to 25, endures some form of homelessness in a
23 year
- 24 • Youth with less than a high school diploma or GED have a 346 percent higher
25 risk of homelessness
- 26 • LGBT youth have a 120 percent higher risk of homelessness
- 27 • Youth reporting annual household income of less than \$24,000 have a 162
28 percent higher risk of homelessness
- 29 • Black or African American youth have an 83 percent higher risk of homelessness
- 30 • Hispanic youth have a 33 percent higher risk of homelessness
- 31 • Unmarried parenting youth have a 200 percent higher risk of homelessness
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35 WHEREAS, adolescence and young adulthood represent a key developmental
36 window, so every day of housing instability and its associated stress represents a
37 missed opportunity to support healthy development into productive adulthood; and

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WHEREAS, the Committee on Health Equity, Human Needs, and Strategic Planning, at its meeting of January 18, 2023, recommended adoption of File No. 22-1179 (vote 4-0); now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors hereby declares November 2022 **and November 2023** National Runaway Prevention Month across Milwaukee County.

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