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4 **A RESOLUTION**

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6 Supporting a budget provision to provide additional shared revenue for Milwaukee  
7 County to provide essential services to residents with full autonomy and without  
8 restrictions from the state legislature  
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11 WHEREAS, Milwaukee County prioritizes making prudent investments that  
12 provide high-quality, critical services to residents through shared partnerships with  
13 residents from all backgrounds; and  
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15 WHEREAS, Milwaukee County’s structural deficit and budget gap grows every  
16 year, facing a fiscal cliff in 2027 thereby reducing essential services such as  
17 transportation, public health, and safety; and  
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19 WHEREAS, increased shared revenue provisions in the Wisconsin state budget  
20 would not only impact Milwaukee County, but also counties and municipalities across  
21 the state in need of funding to provide essential services with knowledge of their  
22 constituents’ needs; and  
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24 WHEREAS, a March 2023 report from the nonpartisan Wisconsin Policy Forum  
25 analyzing the prospect of a shared revenue provision indicated that shared revenue  
26 would provide an additional \$100 million dollars for Milwaukee County in 2025 which  
27 has bipartisan support in the state legislature; and  
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29 WHEREAS, Milwaukee County has partnered with residents to direct funding for  
30 essential services that are popular and necessary through The Balancing Act, an  
31 interactive online tool that provided a space for local input on Milwaukee County’s 2023  
32 Adopted Budget; and  
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34 WHEREAS, Milwaukee County understands the county’s needs more so than  
35 members of the state legislature, thereby requiring full autonomy to implement financial  
36 decisions impacting the county; and  
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38 WHEREAS, Milwaukee County partners with local offices and “on the ground”  
39 organizations to understand funding needs and better gauge priorities in which state  
40 offices may not necessary be aware of; and

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WHEREAS, Milwaukee County has adopted prior resolutions such as File No. 22-296 to fund local services without restrictions from the state legislature; and

WHEREAS, Milwaukee County has adopted prior resolutions such as File Nos. 19-161 and 21-546 to support an increase in fair contributions from the state that is indexed for inflation to provide public programs and services in every biennial budget; and

WHEREAS, the Committee on Intergovernmental Relations, at its meeting of May 8, 2023, recommended adoption of File No. 23-481 (vote 4-1); now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors hereby supports increasing shared revenue to counties and municipalities to fund local services with full autonomy and without restrictions from the State of Wisconsin; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Office of Government Affairs staff is authorized and requested to communicate the contents of this resolution to State policymakers and support adoption of the budget provision outlined in this resolution.

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