

1 Supervisor Jason Haas, Chairperson,
2 From the Committee on Intergovernmental Relations, reporting on:

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4 File No. 15-447
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6 (ITEM) A resolution by Supervisors Romo West, Broderick, Dimitrijevic, and Haas
7 A resolution in support of human rights in Mexico, calling upon the United States (US)
8 Secretary of State to make the defense of human rights a fundamental part of the US's
9 bilateral agenda with Mexico, and calling upon the US Congress to cease military aid to
10 Mexico until answers are received regarding the missing Ayotzinapa students, by
11 recommending adoption of the following:

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13 **A RESOLUTION**
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15 WHEREAS, there have been over 25,000 documented cases of missing persons
16 in Mexico since 2007; and

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18 WHEREAS, this human rights crisis became even more evident when 43
19 students from Ayotzinapa, Guerrero, were taken by force in September 2014; and
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21 WHEREAS, in spite of an exhaustive investigation, the Government of Mexico,
22 with help from the United States (US) government, has only identified the remains of
23 one of those students; and
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25 WHEREAS, the investigation into the students disappearance has highlighted a
26 disturbing trend of collusion between authorities and organized crime groups; and
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28 WHEREAS, although over 100 people, mainly police officers, were detained in
29 connection with the missing students, there are still many questions that are
30 unanswered; and
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32 WHEREAS, this lack of prosecution, accountability, and information is not
33 unusual, and tens of thousands of families are still waiting for information on their lost
34 loved ones; and
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36 WHEREAS, on June 19, 2015, the Congresswoman from the 4th District and
37 many of her colleagues sent a letter urging the Secretary of State to make the defense
38 of human rights a fundamental part of any bilateral agreements between the US and
39 Mexico; and
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41 WHEREAS, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors supports the protection
42 of human rights in Mexico by adhering to internationally recognized standards of
43 investigation, due process in the criminal justice system, and the dismantling of
44 collusion between organized crime and authorities; and
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46 WHEREAS, the Committee on Intergovernmental Relations, at its meeting of

47 July 27, 2015, recommended adoption of this resolution (vote 5-1); now, therefore,

48 BE IT RESOLVED, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors (County Board)
49 supports human rights and the rule of law in Mexico, and calls upon the United States
50 (U.S.) Secretary of State to make the defense of human rights in Mexico a fundamental
51 part of any bilateral agreements between the US and Mexico; and

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53 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the County Board requests the U.S. Congress to
54 cease military funding to Mexico until all questions are answered regarding the
55 disappearance of the Ayotzinapa students; and

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57 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, upon adoption, the Milwaukee County Clerk is
58 authorized to send copies of this resolution to members of the US Congress and the US
59 Secretary of State.

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