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**A RESOLUTION**

Declaring November 2022 National Runaway Prevention Month in Milwaukee County

WHEREAS, November is National Runaway Prevention Month, which began in 2002 and is presented annually by the National Runaway Safeline organization, the federally designated national crisis and communication system for youth ages 12 to 21 who run away, are considering leaving home, or are experiencing homelessness; and

WHEREAS, runaway youth are often expelled from their homes, have experienced trauma, struggle to meet basic needs, and are at increased danger of falling into high-risk situations, including human trafficking; and

WHEREAS, according to the University of Chicago Chapin Hall's Voices of Youth Count organization:

- One in 30 youth aged 13 to 17 endures some form of homelessness in a year
- One in 10 young adults, aged 18 to 25, endures some form of homelessness in a year
- Youth with less than a high school diploma or GED have a 346 percent higher risk of homelessness
- LGBT youth have a 120 percent higher risk of homelessness
- Youth reporting annual household income of less than \$24,000 have a 162 percent higher risk of homelessness
- Black or African American youth have an 83 percent higher risk of homelessness
- Hispanic youth have a 33 percent higher risk of homelessness
- Unmarried parenting youth have a 200 percent higher risk of homelessness

; and

WHEREAS, adolescence and young adulthood represent a key developmental window, so every day of housing instability and its associated stress represents a missed opportunity to support healthy development into productive adulthood; and

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39 WHEREAS, the Committee on Health Equity, Human Needs, and Strategic  
40 Planning, at its meeting of January 18, 2023, recommended adoption of File No.  
41 22-1179 (vote 4-0); now, therefore,

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

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