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From the Superintendent, House of Correction (HOC), requesting authorization to accept grant funding in the amount of \$80,000 from the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program for an Evidence Based Decision Making Jail Reentry Pilot Site Project at the HOC, by recommending adoption of the following:

A RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the State of Wisconsin (the State) Department of Justice (DOJ), through its Justice Programs Section has made funds available to local jurisdictions in the State to support pilot projects to develop a model of jail reentry designed to prevent recidivism, ensure individuals have a plan for housing, health care, employment and training, and benefits and/or other services so they can successfully reintegrate and become part of the community upon release; and

WHEREAS, the goal of the pilot projects is to develop a model that can be tested and evaluated to determine the effectiveness to potentially lead to replication in other counties; and

WHEREAS, this Reentry Pilot Site Project will afford the House of Correction (HOC) the opportunity to establish the same level of integrity in its reentry services at the point of release as well as post return; and

WHEREAS, currently inmates are encouraged to connect to a variety of service providers when they are released, and these providers have pledged to provide the supports and connections returning citizens need to experience a smooth transition back to the community; and

WHEREAS, the process for making these connections is informal and not yet clearly articulated in a reentry plan; and

WHEREAS, since the process has not been institutionalized, returning citizens often do not have their critical risk factors intentionally addressed; and

WHEREAS, this Reentry Pilot Site Project will extend all of the established cross-systems planning to include deeper and more intentional reentry planning both within various departments of Milwaukee County (the County) as well as among the HOC's vast network of community partners; and

WHEREAS, individuals selected for enrollment in the Reentry Pilot Site Program will benefit from the existing network of services and providers while they are incarcerated, as well as from a clearly articulated and highly individualized reentry plan and network of service providers that connects returning citizens to the specific resources and services needed to successfully transition back to the community; and

47 WHEREAS, we anticipate these services to include things such as housing,
48 health insurance, mental health/substance abuse counseling, employment services, and
49 family reunification supports to name a few; and

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51 WHEREAS, the grant does not require a local match; and

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53 WHEREAS, the application submission deadline was October 5, 2017, and the
54 State DOJ notified the HOC on December 21, 2017, that the HOC was awarded the
55 grant with a preliminary approved award amount of \$80,000; and

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57 WHEREAS, the County will be the fiscal agent for the grant; and

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59 WHEREAS, in order to meet the grant requirements, a separate fund must be
60 established to deposit the grant monies, which the County will receive; and

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62 WHEREAS, the Committee on Finance and Audit, at its meeting of January 25,
63 2018, recommended adoption of File No. 18-131 (vote 7-0); now, therefore,

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65 BE IT RESOLVED, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors hereby accepts
66 grant funding for the Evidence Based Decision Making Jail Reentry Pilot Site Project
67 (2016) from the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program; and

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69 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Office of the Comptroller will establish a
70 separate fund account for the grant in a manner that meets the guidelines detailed in
71 the Federal Office of Justice Programs Financial Guide.

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