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5 **AN AMENDED RESOLUTION**

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7 In support of democracy and nonpartisan election administration

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10 WHEREAS, the survival of our democracy depends on free and fair elections  
11 where all eligible voters have the opportunity to make their voices heard, in general and  
12 at the ballot box; and for elected officials to honor the will of the voters no matter the  
13 outcome when choosing policymakers; and

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15 WHEREAS, Milwaukee County believes its residents have been well-served by  
16 the current system of **nonpartisan** election administration governed by the Wisconsin  
17 Election Commission, and carried out by the Milwaukee County Elections Commission  
18 under the County Clerk, and municipal clerks and poll workers of Milwaukee County;  
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21 WHEREAS, these same election officials played a critical role in making the 2020  
22 Election as safe, secure, and accessible as possible during the COVID-19 Pandemic;  
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25 WHEREAS, since November 2020, some proponents of unsubstantiated,  
26 disproven, and therefore false claims regarding the 2020 Election have attempted to  
27 bully, threaten, and undermine **nonpartisan** election administrators, unfairly making it  
28 harder for election officials to do their jobs and reducing faith in the electoral process,  
29 thereby hurting the health of our democracy; and

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31 WHEREAS, looking toward the 2022 Midterm Election and beyond, **nonpartisan**  
32 election officials like municipal clerks and the staff of the Wisconsin Elections  
33 Commission, are best equipped to preside over free and fair elections, and should do so  
34 without the fear of threats and intimidation; and

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36 WHEREAS, any future attempt to seize power over elections from municipal  
37 clerks and turn the Wisconsin Elections Commission into an entity under a partisan  
38 Wisconsin Secretary of State would not serve the best interests of free and fair elections  
39 in our democracy; and

40 WHEREAS, so long as **nonpartisan** election administrators continue to  
41 administer our elections with accessibility, transparency, fairness, equality, safety, and  
42 security in mind, Milwaukee County remains fully committed to stand behind them in the  
43 face of politically-motivated and unfounded attacks; and

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45 WHEREAS, the Committee on Judiciary, Law Enforcement and General  
46 Services, at its meeting of July 15, 2022, recommended adoption of File No. 22-868 as  
47 amended (vote 4-1); now, therefore,

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49 BE IT RESOLVED, Milwaukee County hereby declares full confidence in  
50 Wisconsin's current system of **nonpartisan** election administration led by the Wisconsin  
51 Elections Commission and calls upon certain State lawmakers to cease all attempts to  
52 undermine, disrupt, or revoke the Wisconsin Election Commission's and municipal  
53 clerks' authority over Wisconsin and local elections in a cynical and undemocratic  
54 usurpation of the voters' will; and

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56 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Milwaukee County hereby supports the County  
57 Clerk, the County Elections Commission, the municipal clerks, and our friends and  
58 neighbors who serve as poll workers; and

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60 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Milwaukee County strongly opposes any future  
61 attempts to override the will of Wisconsin's voters and have partisan election  
62 administration in Wisconsin state and local elections transfer to a partisan entity; and

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64 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Milwaukee County hereby requests the County  
65 Clerk transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the Wisconsin Governor and State  
66 lawmakers who represent Milwaukee County.

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