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5 **AN AMENDED RESOLUTION**

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7 Prohibiting the transportation of on-duty law enforcement officers and military personnel
8 on Milwaukee County Transit System (MCTS) buses when regular service is suspended
9 for the public, and prohibiting the use of MCTS vehicles to move detainees or be used
10 as barricades, by recommending **REJECTION** of the following:
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13 WHEREAS, in the wake of civil unrest and protests subsequent to the murder of
14 George Floyd in Minneapolis by police officers, early in the afternoon on Thursday June
15 4, 2020, the Milwaukee County Transit System abruptly announced it would suspend
16 service early that evening, ceasing normal operations at 10:00 PM rather than the usual
17 approximately midnight or 2:30 AM depending on the route; and MCTS further
18 announced it was suspending service for the entire weekend of June 5 to June 7, 2020;
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21 WHEREAS, Milwaukee County residents reported to their elected officials and
22 captured images of Milwaukee County Transit System (MCTS) buses transporting
23 police officers and Wisconsin National Guard soldiers after regular public service had
24 been suspended; and
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26 WHEREAS, on June 16, 2020, the Director of Transportation and President and
27 Managing Director of MCTS told the Committee on Audit that MCTS suspended service
28 due to orders from the Milwaukee Police Department and safety concerns from bus
29 operators and their supervisors from substantial reckless driving and reports of
30 significant unlawful activity; the President and Managing Director further testified that
31 MCTS coordinates with the Milwaukee Police Department and Office of the Sheriff via
32 the Office of Emergency Management and the local Emergency Operations Center (File
33 No. 20-452); and
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35 WHEREAS, the content of Chapter 99 of the Milwaukee County Code of General
36 Ordinances relates to emergency activities of County government and Section
37 99.085(2) defines "emergencies" as "events arising out of natural or civil disaster as
38 declared by the governor, the directives of the sheriff, or resolutions, ordinances or
39 other pronouncements of the county board as provided in section 99.04 of this
40 chapter."; and

41 WHEREAS, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors wants to ensure MCTS
42 provides reliable, convenient, and safe public transportation for the public; and
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44 WHEREAS, the Committee on Judiciary, Safety, and General Services, at its
45 meeting of September 10, 2020, recommended **REJECTION** of File No. 20-529 as
46 amended due to a failed motion to recommend adoption as amended (vote 2-3);
47 now, therefore,
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49 ~~**BE IT RESOLVED, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors hereby**~~
50 ~~**declares, except when responding to an emergency which meets at least two of**~~
51 ~~**the criteria outlined in Milwaukee County Code of General Ordinances Section**~~
52 ~~**99.085(2), Milwaukee County Transit System (MCTS) shall not transport law**~~
53 ~~**enforcement or military personnel on any MCTS vehicle not already in service on**~~
54 ~~**a regular route making usual and customary stops with service available to the**~~
55 ~~**public; and**~~
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57 **BE IT RESOLVED, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors hereby**
58 **urges the County Executive, Office of Emergency Management Director, Director**
59 **of Transportation, and President and Managing Director of the Milwaukee County**
60 **Transit System (MCTS) to not comply with requests to transport law enforcement**
61 **or military personnel or equipment for civil unrest events on any MCTS vehicle**
62 **not already in service on a regular route making usual and customary stops with**
63 **service available to the public; and**
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65 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, MCTS buses ~~shall~~ ought not be used to
66 transport detailed, detained, or arrested individuals and MCTS buses ~~shall~~ should not
67 be deployed as barricades or to divert pedestrian traffic in the presence of protestors or
68 in anticipation of protests; and
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70 BE IT FURTHER RESOSLVED, none of these restrictions should be interpreted
71 as any limit to using MCTS buses to aid disaster victims, support humanitarian
72 organizations, paramedics, or fire departments if called upon.
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77 civil unrest.no edit.docx