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5 **A RESOLUTION**

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7 Supporting the City of Milwaukee's Ordinance Prohibiting the Sale of Hemp-Derived  
8 THC to Persons Under 21 and Encouraging Other Municipalities to Adopt Similar  
9 Ordinances  
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12 WHEREAS, Milwaukee County is committed to being the healthiest county in  
13 Wisconsin; and

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15 WHEREAS, the safety and wellbeing of the residents and young people of  
16 Milwaukee County is of paramount importance to policy makers; and

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18 WHEREAS, after the passage of the 2018 Farm Bill, which legalized hemp and  
19 its derivatives nationwide, a variety of hemp-derived THC products have hit the market;  
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22 WHEREAS, the sale of these THC products to persons under 21 is not regulated  
23 under Wisconsin state law, creating a loophole that allows psychoactive products to  
24 circulate without strict or consistent safeguards; and

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26 WHEREAS, in 2025, the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel reported that two young  
27 children from Milwaukee County, were hospitalized for consuming candy not knowing it  
28 contained THC, yet the business who sold the product did not do anything illegal due to  
29 there not being state or city regulations; and

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31 WHEREAS, the Wisconsin Poison Center has seen a substantial increase of  
32 calls related to children under the age of 12 consuming THC, seeing an increase from  
33 81 calls in 2020 to 267 calls in 2024; and

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35 WHEREAS, several Milwaukee County retailers already limit sales of THC  
36 products to those at least over the age of 18; however, many business owners and  
37 employees are in favor of raising the age from 18 to 21 to deter underage access to  
38 these products; and

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40 WHEREAS, on July 21, 2025, the Milwaukee Common Council unanimously  
41 passed an ordinance ([File No. 250439](#)) prohibiting the sale of hemp-derived THC  
42 products to any person under the age of 21; and

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44 WHEREAS, the City of Milwaukee's ordinance's enforcement provisions levy

45 penalties exclusively on retailers and sellers, not criminalizing youth; and

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47 WHEREAS, Wisconsin state statutes grant municipalities the authority to  
48 regulate and enforce age-of-sale restrictions for hemp-derived THC products; and

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50 WHEREAS, Milwaukee County itself does not possess the statutory authority  
51 required to regulate age-of-sale restrictions for hemp-derived THC products; and

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53 WHEREAS, on July 24, 2025, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors  
54 adopted [File No. 25-358](#), a resolution urging state lawmakers to pass legislation that  
55 would set a minimum age of 21 to purchase tobacco products, vapor products,  
56 marijuana, synthetic cannabinoids, and drug paraphernalia; and

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58 WHEREAS, even though Milwaukee County is unable to regulate and enforce  
59 age-of-sale restriction, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors is committed to  
60 keeping young people safe and healthy and encourages municipalities to take action;  
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63 WHEREAS, the Committee on Intergovernmental Relations, at its meeting of  
64 September 5, 2025, recommended adoption of File No. 25-602 (vote 4-0); now,  
65 therefore,

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67 BE IT RESOLVED, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors hereby supports  
68 the Milwaukee Common Council's ordinance setting the minimum purchase age for  
69 hemp-derived THC products at 21; and

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71 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors  
72 encourages each municipality within Milwaukee County to adopt a similar ordinance to  
73 protect public health and deter underage access to hemp-derived THC products; and

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75 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors  
76 hereby requests the County Clerk to send a copy of this resolution to all municipalities in  
77 Milwaukee County.

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