

1 By Supervisors Johnson and Dimitrijevic
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4 **A RESOLUTION**
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6 authorizing the renewal of Milwaukee County's membership in the Wisconsin Counties
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9 WHEREAS, the Wisconsin Counties Association (WCA) is a governmental
10 association representing the interests of counties at both the state and federal level; and
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12 WHEREAS, Milwaukee County's membership in WCA was discontinued in 2012,
13 and funds were not budgeted in the 2012 budget, based on repeated concerns that
14 WCA:

- 15 1. was not representing the interests of urban counties
- 16 2. did not include Milwaukee County (the most populous county in the state
17 and largest dues-paying member) on the WCA Executive Committee
- 18 3. staff composition did not reflect the diverse population of the State of
19 Wisconsin
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23 WHEREAS, Milwaukee County continues to be the most populous county in the
24 state, and their absence from WCA could negatively impact how Milwaukee County,
25 and counties in general, are treated, especially by the State of Wisconsin; and
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27 WHEREAS, the cost to renew the membership for the remainder of 2012 would
28 be half of the annual dues of \$42,230, or \$21,115, that would need to come from Org.
29 1945 – Appropriation for Contingencies, since funding for WCA membership was not
30 included in the County Board's 2012 Adopted Budget; and
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32 WHEREAS, with the election of a new Board of Supervisors for the 2012-2016
33 term, new opportunities exist for Milwaukee County and WCA to demonstrate that
34 working together will provide mutual benefits; now, therefore,
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36 BE IT RESOLVED, that the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors hereby
37 supports the renewal of the Wisconsin Counties Association membership effective
38 immediately; and
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40 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Director, Department of Administrative
41 Services, is authorized and directed to process an appropriation transfer of \$21,115
42 from Org. 1945 – Appropriation for Contingencies to Org. 1000 – County Board to
43 provide the necessary funding to pay the Milwaukee County WCA membership dues for
44 2012.