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From the Director, Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), requesting authorization to create Capital Project WS12401-Secured Youth Facility-Phase I, and to transfer up to \$3 million in tax levy surplus from DHHS' operating budget to the new capital project to support the initial planning and design of a Secured Residential Care Center for Children and Youth, by recommending adoption of the following:

A RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, over the past few years, the County Executive and the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors have worked with key stakeholders to address the crisis at Lincoln Hills and Copper Lake, and have embraced policies surrounding the creation of a local alternative option for Milwaukee County (County) youth to be placed in a safe environment, closer to home; and

WHEREAS, in March 2018, the Wisconsin State Legislature adopted Act 185 (the Act) which directs the closure of Lincoln Hills and Copper Lake for use as youth correctional facilities by January 1, 2021, with counties assuming responsibility for operating Secured Residential Care Centers for Children and Youth (SRCCCYs); and

WHEREAS, under the Act, the State Building Commission can authorize up to \$40 million to counties for the planning and construction of these facilities and eligible construction costs to include new construction, as well as the renovation of an existing structure; and

WHEREAS, to qualify for the funds, counties must submit grant applications to the Juvenile Corrections Grant Committee in the Department of Corrections by March 31, 2019, covering the following types of facilities:

- 95 percent of the design and construction costs of an SRCCCY
- 95 percent of the design and construction costs of a facility housing both an SRCCCY and a youth detention facility
- 100 percent of the design and construction costs of an SRCCCY or a portion of an SRCCCY for female youth only

; and

WHEREAS, the Youth and Family Services Division, Department of Health and Human Services (YFSD-DHHS), has assembled a Steering Committee and workgroups to formulate recommendations and options for the development of a secure, local alternative for County youth; and

46 WHEREAS, the mission of the project is to establish a safe, positive, sustainable,
47 and developmentally appropriate treatment environment for youth committed to the
48 County under Section 938.34(4m), Wisconsin State Statutes, that effectively promotes
49 accountability, protects the community, reduces recidivism, and returns youth to our
50 community with the skills needed to become successful and productive citizens; and
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52 WHEREAS, at the end of July, the Facilities Management Division, Department
53 of Administrative Services, released a Request for Proposals seeking professional
54 consulting services to support the preliminary facility design of an SRCCCY; and
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56 WHEREAS, the scope of work will initially reflect the preliminary facility design,
57 evolving into final planning and design and ultimately, the construction of the SRCCCY
58 as well as a facility life cycle cost analysis and operating and maintenance cost
59 estimate, including new staffing needs; and
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61 WHEREAS, the cost associated with this capital project is recommended to be
62 financed by tax levy surplus in YFSD-DHHS, which is being generated by additional
63 Youth Aids revenue of \$3 million awarded by the State of Wisconsin Department of
64 Children and Families under an amendment to the YFSD-DHHS 2018 contract; and
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66 WHEREAS, the Act further authorizes a county to use its Youth Aids allocation for
67 youth detention center costs, which was not permitted previously and this change in
68 allowable use will essentially “free up” \$3 million in budgeted tax levy; and
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70 WHEREAS, the Committee on Health and Human Needs, at its meeting of
71 September 12, 2018, recommended adoption of File No. 18-633 (vote 5-0); and
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73 WHEREAS, the Committee on Finance and Audit, at its meeting of
74 September 13, 2018, recommended adoption of File No. 18-633 (vote 7-0); now,
75 therefore,
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77 BE IT RESOLVED, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors (County Board)
78 hereby authorizes the Director, Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), or
79 her designee, to recognize \$3 million in additional Youth Aids revenue in Low Org. Unit
80 8921 – Detention Center received through an amendment to its 2018 contract with the
81 State of Wisconsin Department of Children and Families; and
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83 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Youth and Family Services Division, DHHS, is
84 requesting that the resulting tax levy surplus, up to \$3 million, be transferred to Capital
85 Project WS12401 – Secured Youth Facility – Phase 1, to support initial planning and
86 design as well as potentially cover some portion of Milwaukee County's five percent
87 required commitment to the overall costs approved as part of its grant application; and
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89 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Office of the Comptroller, and the Office of
90 Performance, Strategy, and Budget, Department of Administrative Services, are
91 authorized and directed to transfer up to \$3 million in tax levy surplus from
92 Org. Unit 8000–DHHS to create Capital Project WS12401; and
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94 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, if the estimated surplus amount changes after
95 final adoption by the County Board, an amount as close as possible to the current
96 surplus amount will be transferred.

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