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4 From the Director of the Department of Administrative Services, recommending
5 restrictions be placed on the use of coal tar-based sealants on Milwaukee County
6 properties, by adoption of the following policy:
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9 **A RESOLUTION**

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11 WHEREAS, Milwaukee County's water resources are a natural asset, which
12 enhance the environmental, recreational, cultural and economic aspects of the area and
13 contribute to the general health and welfare of the public; and
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15 WHEREAS, studies by the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) have found that coal-
16 tar-based pavement sealants are a major source of polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbon
17 (PAH) contamination in urban areas of the United States; and
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19 WHEREAS, a study by the USGS specific to the Milwaukee area concluded that
20 sediments in local surface waters were contaminated with PAHs derived principally from
21 coal-tar-based pavement sealants; and
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23 WHEREAS, some PAHs are known to be carcinogens and toxic to aquatic life;
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26 WHEREAS, PAH-contaminated sediments dredged from ponds, lagoons or
27 streams can be significantly more costly to manage than sediments void of these
28 compounds; and
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30 WHEREAS, alternatives to coal-tar-based pavement sealants are available which
31 can significantly lessen environmental impacts and human health risks; now therefore,
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33 BE IT RESOLVED, that the County Board of Supervisors declares that it shall be
34 the policy of Milwaukee County that coal-tar-based pavement sealants and high-PAH
35 sealants shall not be used on projects undertaken by Milwaukee County, unless
36 required by state or federal authorities; and
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38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that land leased by Milwaukee County shall
39 restrict its use via the terms of the lease agreements.
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