From the Superintendent, House of Correction, Chief of Staff, Milwaukee County Sheriff’s Office, and the Director, Department of Health and Human Services (Departments) requesting a combined $6.3 million of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding for the purchase and/or replacement of Kitchen Equipment and Food Traying Equipment, by recommended adoption of the following:

# A RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) of 2021 was signed into law by President Biden on March 11, 2021, in efforts to support individuals, families, businesses, and governments impacted by the Coronavirus Disease pandemic; and

WHEREAS, Milwaukee County (the County) will receive $183.7 million in ARPA funding, through the ARPA State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund; and

WHEREAS, the Milwaukee County Board adopted file 21-555: “A resolution to create a Task Force (ARPA Task Force) to review and recommend funding allocations to the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors for monies received by the County in the Federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021”; and

WHEREAS, of the County’s $183.7 million of ARPA aid, approximately $115.7 million has been recommended by the ARPA Task Force for Revenue Loss Recovery projects, which may include expenditures being considered by the Revenue Loss Recovery Subgroup, such as addressing the backlog of capital projects and deferred maintenance; and

WHEREAS, kitchen equipment in corrections facilities across departments is aged and in need of replacement; and

WHEREAS, the condition of existing condition equipment results in routine and emergency maintenance needs, difficulty obtaining parts, inability to maintain hot and cold food temperatures, which impacts the quality of food provided; and

WHEREAS, the requested kitchen project is not bond eligible and requires cash financing; and

WHEREAS, replacement of Kitchen Equipment and Food Traying Equipment was requested in the 2022 budget but not funded due to limited availability of cash financing for capital projects; and

WHEREAS, a new RFP for the County’s correctional food service provider is pending decisions on funding for Kitchen Equipment and Traying Equipment; and

WHEREAS, funding of a capital project for Kitchen Equipment and Traying Equipment will result in reduced operating costs in the future, including reductions in annual maintenance and repair costs, as well as a reduction in the price per meal when compared to the cost that would be needed if the County’s Food Service vendor is required to replace equipment; and

WHEREAS, replacing Kitchen Equipment and Traying Equipment will result in an improvement in the reliability of food service equipment, including the ability to control food temperatures; and

WHEREAS, a consultant study of overall food services was conducted in 2021, and a key finding of the study included a need to replace critical kitchen equipment beyond its useful life as necessary for continued efficient food service operations now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors authorizes capital project funding of $6,268,000 to purchase and/or replace kitchen and traying equipment across corrections facilities at the House of Correction, Sheriff’s Office, and Department of Health and Human Services; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors authorizes use of American Rescue Plan Act funding of $6,268,000 to purchase and/or replace kitchen and traying equipment,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors authorizes the Office of Strategy, Budget and Performance, working in conjunction with the Office of the Comptroller, to process an administrative appropriation transfer of $6,268,000, to be allocated to appropriate capital project accounts related to kitchen and traying equipment cited in this resolution.