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6 **A RESOLUTION**
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8 declaring Milwaukee County’s support of the nomination and pending confirmation of
9 Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson to serve as an Associate Justice of the United States
10 Supreme Court
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13 WHEREAS, President Biden nominated federal appellate Judge Ketanji Brown
14 Jackson to the United States Supreme Court following the announcement of the
15 retirement of Justice Stephen Breyer; and
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17 WHEREAS, March is Women’s History Month and, if confirmed, Judge Jackson
18 would be a historic appointment representing only the sixth female justice to serve on
19 the highest court in the country, the first Black woman on the Court, and the second
20 youngest justice in history; and
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22 WHEREAS, Judge Jackson would be the first former federal public defender to
23 serve as a U.S. Supreme Court Justice and only the second justice with experience as
24 a trial court judge; and
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26 WHEREAS, Judge Jackson has been vetted and confirmed by the U.S. Senate
27 for three prior federal appointments and has received bipartisan support; first as the
28 Vice Chair of the U.S. Sentencing Commission in 2009, next as a judge on the U.S.
29 District Court for the District of Columbia in 2013, and finally as a judge on the U.S.
30 Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit in 2021; and
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32 WHEREAS, at the press briefing announcing the appointment of Judge Jackson,
33 President Biden made the following remarks: “Her opinions are always carefully
34 reasoned, tethered to precedent, and demonstrate respect for how the law impacts
35 everyday people”; and
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37 WHEREAS, the Health and Equity Framework adopted in Chapter 108.03(1) of
38 the Milwaukee County Code of General Ordinances identifies the “Power to Make
39 Change” as the most sustainable and transformational way to affect racial equity and
40 health; Judge Jackson’s appointment as a Supreme Court Justice would further

41 diversify the Court to more accurately reflect the demographics of the country and bring
42 a needed perspective to this influential branch of government; and

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44 WHEREAS, the Committee on Intergovernmental Relations, at its meeting of
45 March 10, 2022, recommended adoption of File No. 22-438 (vote 4-0); now, therefore,

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47 BE IT RESOLVED, Milwaukee County hereby declares its support of the
48 nomination and confirmation of Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson to serve as Associate
49 Justice of the United States Supreme Court; and

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51 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Office of Government Affairs is authorized
52 and requested to communicate the contents of this resolution with Wisconsin's U.S.
53 Senators.

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