By Supervisors Clancy, Martin, Martinez, File No. 23-481

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**A RESOLUTION**

Supporting a budget provision to provide additional shared revenue for Milwaukee County to provide essential services to residents with full autonomy and without restrictions from the state legislature

WHEREAS, Milwaukee County prioritizes making prudent investments that provide high-quality, critical services to residents through shared partnerships with residents from all backgrounds; and

WHEREAS, Milwaukee County’s structural deficit and budget gap grows every year, facing a fiscal cliff in 2027 thereby reducing essential services such as transportation, public health, and safety; and

WHEREAS, increased shared revenue provisions in the Wisconsin state budget would not only impact Milwaukee County, but also counties and municipalities across the state in need of funding to provide essential services with knowledge of their constituents’ needs; and

WHEREAS, a March 2023 report from the nonpartisan Wisconsin Policy Forum analyzing the prospect of a shared revenue provision indicated that shared revenue would provide an additional $100 million dollars for Milwaukee County in 2025 which has bipartisan support in the state legislature; and

WHEREAS, Milwaukee County has partnered with residents to direct funding for essential services that are popular and necessary through The Balancing Act, an interactive online tool that provided a space for local input on Milwaukee County’s 2023 Adopted Budget; and

WHEREAS, Milwaukee County understands the county’s needs more so than members of the state legislature, thereby requiring full autonomy to implement financial decisions impacting the county; and

WHEREAS, Milwaukee County partners with local offices and “on the ground” organizations to understand funding needs and better gauge priorities in which state offices may not necessary be aware of; and

WHEREAS, Milwaukee County has adopted prior resolutions such as File No. 22-296 to fund local services without restrictions from the state legislature; and

WHEREAS, Milwaukee County has adopted prior resolutions such as File Nos. 19-161 and 21-546 to support an increase in fair contributions from the state that is indexed for inflation to provide public programs and services in every biennial budget; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors hereby supports increasing shared revenue to counties and municipalities to fund local services with full autonomy and without restrictions from the State of Wisconsin; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Office of Government Affairs staff is authorized and requested to communicate the contents of this resolution to State policymakers and support adoption of the budget provision outlined in this resolution.