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6 **A RESOLUTION**

7 authorizing and directing the Department of Administrative Services to restart the
8 publication of the annual *Fiscal Trends* report to better monitor financial trends affecting
9 Milwaukee County and help to make strategic policy decisions
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11 WHEREAS, *Fiscal Trends* was an annual soft-cover publication last produced
12 by the Department of Administrative Services in 1999 that outlined and evaluated
13 financial trends affecting Milwaukee County; and
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15 WHEREAS, these trend indicators included areas such as: community needs
16 and resources, county expenditures, county revenues, property taxes, operating
17 position, employee pension system and debt structure/condition of capital facilities; and
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19 WHEREAS, each of the approximately 30 trends was given a conclusion rating
20 of positive, monitor or warning, which provided policymakers insight on fiscal indicators
21 that may be most urgent; and
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23 WHEREAS, Milwaukee County is seeking to be more strategic in its decision
24 making process and having access to information that was contained in the *Fiscal*
25 *Trends* report would allow policymakers to focus on broader trends that may need to be
26 addressed; and
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28 WHEREAS, with a renewed focus on strategic planning efforts, the publication
29 of *Fiscal Trends* could serve as a key piece of information for policymakers to consider
30 as they weigh County issues; now, therefore,
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32 BE IT RESOLVED, that the Director, of the Department of Administrative
33 Services is authorized and directed to restart the annual publication of *Fiscal Trends*, a
34 financial trend evaluation system for Milwaukee County, in order to provide
35 policymakers with a comprehensive document that can be used to help make strategic
36 decisions on policy matters; and
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38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the publication of *Fiscal Trends* shall restart
39 with the 2011 year, with a report submitted to the Committee on Finance and Audit for
40 consideration at its December 2011 meeting.