



OFFICE OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

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MILWAUKEE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

DATE: September 6, 2013

TO: The Honorable Milwaukee Board of Supervisors

FROM: Chris Abele, Milwaukee County Executive

RE: Signing statement of County Board File No. 13-643 creating a Research Services Division in the Comptroller's Office

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I have signed file #13-643 to establish a Research Services Division within the Office of the Comptroller. I spoke with the Comptroller about this addition to his office and he emphasized his commitment to create an independent research division, utilizing the resources of Human Resources through the hiring process.

Because the research analysts will be working with both the County Board and the County Executive's office, ensuring that the individuals hired can provide unbiased analysis to both branches of government is imperative. Moreover, because this is a brand new function for the County, it will be critical for Human Resources to work closely with the Comptroller to create the most effective and efficient Division that will provide high level research services to the County.

Given this, Human Resources will reach out to the Comptroller to work with him through this process. Any time a new position is created, it undergoes a compensation study, including looking at scope of the job and comparable salaries. I request that the Comptroller work with Human Resources to make sure these new positions undergo a compensation study similar to all other positions in his office.