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3 **A RESOLUTION**

4 In support of the state enacting legislation related to emergency detentions including the  
5 broadening of the definition of professionals under Chapter 51 who can make a detention  
6 determination  
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8 WHEREAS, Milwaukee County has made progress to decrease the number of  
9 emergency detentions; and  
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11 WHEREAS, Milwaukee County is currently in the process of implementing a  
12 number of initiatives aimed at maintaining individuals in the community while avoiding  
13 involuntary hospitalizations, including those that result from emergency detentions; and  
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15 WHEREAS, an internal evaluation of the Milwaukee County Mobile Crisis Teams  
16 showed that early involvement in clinical interventions facilitated a drop in emergency  
17 detentions and an increase in voluntary alternatives in the community; and  
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19 WHEREAS, broadening the definition of who can detain an individual under  
20 Chapter 51 to include mental health professionals would provide an individual with a  
21 medical professional contact earlier in the process and potentially avert probable cause  
22 hearing or admittance to PCS; and  
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24 WHEREAS, when an individual is detained by the County a determination has to be  
25 made within 24 hours on the detention; under current law, evaluation and stabilization are  
26 included in the 24 hour calculation and can be a cause for concern when evaluation and  
27 stabilization delay the determination process; thus, excluding any evaluation or  
28 stabilization intervention from the calculation will promote better determinations; now,  
29 THEREFORE,  
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31 BE IT RESOLVED, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors supports State  
32 legislation that would seek to expand authority to designated mental health professions;  
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35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors supports  
36 Assembly Bill 360/Senate Bill 127 which makes changes to the 24 hour determination  
37 calculation and exempts evaluation and stabilization from this calculation.  
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