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4 (ITEM) From the Director of Family Care, recommending adoption of the following
5 resolution relating to transferring the family care program to a nonprofit corporation, with
6 appropriate compensation to the County, in order that services may continue to be
7 provided to adults with disabilities and frail elderly persons who are now receiving them:
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9 **A SUBSTITUTE RESOLUTION**

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12 WHEREAS, the Milwaukee County Department of Family Care (operating as My
13 Choice Family Care "MCFC") administers long term care and support services to adults
14 with disabilities and frail elderly persons through the State of Wisconsin Family Care
15 program; and
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17 WHEREAS, MCFC administers long term care and support services to
18 approximately 8,400 persons in Milwaukee County and seven other Wisconsin counties;
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21 WHEREAS, MCFC has successfully provided the Family Care benefit to over
22 25,000 persons since 2000, maintaining high quality standards for members while being
23 cost effective; and
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25 WHEREAS, MCFC benefits the local community by providing workers with a
26 living wage, contracting with over 1,100 community agencies, directly employing over
27 70 county employees, and employing over 300 care managers and nurses in the
28 community; and
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30 WHEREAS, under Chapter 46 of the Wisconsin Statutes as amended by 2015
31 Wisconsin Act 55, the state now requires that to remain a participating care organization
32 under the Family Care program after December 31, 2016, MCFC must obtain HMO
33 licensure; and
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35 WHEREAS, neither Milwaukee County nor MCFC operating as a department of
36 Milwaukee County can obtain HMO licensure; and
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38 WHEREAS, these State changes are an unacceptable attack on local control
39 and a thinly veiled attempt to turn over Family Care to large, for-profit, managed care
40 organizations; now, therefore,
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42 BE IT RESOLVED, that Milwaukee County opposes the privatization of the
43 Milwaukee County Department of Family Care; and

44 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Milwaukee County requests the Federal
45 Agency, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, to deny the waiver requested
46 by the State of Wisconsin, which would allow MCO administration of Family Care
47 statewide, rather than by geographic region, essentially eliminating the Milwaukee
48 County Department of Family Care and causing statewide privatization of the Family
49 Care program; and
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51 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that if the waiver is granted to the State,
52 Milwaukee County requests the State of Wisconsin make appropriate changes and/or
53 waivers to allow MCFC to obtain HMO licensure and remain a County entity; and
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55 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Milwaukee County Clerk shall forward a
56 copy of this resolution to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, the
57 Governor of the State of Wisconsin, and the Milwaukee County Delegation in the State
58 Legislature.