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TO: The Honorable Theodore Lipscomb, Sr., Chairman, County Board of Supervisors

FROM: Chris Abele, County Executive

SUBJECT: **Appointment of Holly Davis as Director of the Department on Aging**

Pursuant to Wisconsin Statute Sec. 59.17(2), Milwaukee County General Ordinance 17.30(2) and subject to confirmation of your Honorable Body, I am pleased to appoint Holly Davis to the position of Director of the Department on Aging for Milwaukee County.

Ms. Davis is an experienced public servant and management professional who has led large and complex organizations. Most recently she was a Bureau Director for the State of Wisconsin, overseeing the Early Childcare program, with responsibility for 65 staff and over \$12 million in operating funds, with an additional \$12 million in programming funds. Ms. Davis's executive-level experience and management accomplishments have prepared her for the many challenges and opportunities that lie ahead within the Department on Aging.

Maybe most importantly, Ms. Davis has a track record of service to underserved and vulnerable populations. While her previous experience did not take place within Milwaukee County's aging network, her skills and expertise in the areas of budget management, employee coaching and mentoring, fundraising, and performance management are fully transferable to the Department on Aging. Throughout Ms. Davis's career, she has struck the right balance between focusing on data and metrics that drive positive outcomes for customers while maintaining a sincere passion to help the customer.

In her short tenure with Milwaukee County, Ms. Davis has been able to translate her experience working in early childhood programs to the aging population by acknowledging and bridging the many similarities, such as the need for comprehensive social services, food security, and transportation. Ms. Davis has made it a priority to reach out to the strong aging network in Milwaukee County and statewide to learn about the unique challenges that the aging population faces.

I am confident that Ms. Davis will bring the necessary leadership and skills to the Department on Aging and I urge you to give this appointment your favorable consideration.

Sincerely,

Chris Abele
Milwaukee County Executive

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