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From the Interim Director, Department on Aging, requesting authorization for the County Executive, or his designee, to execute a contract with the Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) enabling the Department on Aging to serve as the Aging Resource Center of Milwaukee County under Family Care, for the period effective January 1, 2017, through December 31, 2017, and to accept \$2,773,238 and such other revenues as DHS may award to operate the Aging Resource Center in 2017, by recommending adoption of the following:

A RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Family Care is a Medicaid long-term care program for frail elders and adults with physical or intellectual disabilities; and

WHEREAS, a major purpose of Family Care is to divert persons requiring long-term care from expensive publicly funded nursing homes to more appropriate community-based forms of care; and

WHEREAS, one component of Family Care enables counties to serve as Aging and Disability Resource Centers; and

WHEREAS, the Aging Resource Center of Milwaukee County (the County) is responsible for providing information and assistance; benefits counseling; access to Supplemental Security Income, Supplemental Security Income-Exceptional, Medicaid, and Food Stamps; emergency response; elder abuse and protective services; transitional services; prevention and early intervention services; long-term care options counseling; and access to the Family Care benefit; and

WHEREAS, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors has authorized the Department on Aging to participate as the Aging Resource Center of the County annually since 2000; and

WHEREAS, the Department on Aging is seeking authorization to continue to serve as the Aging Resource Center of the County for the period effective January 1, 2017, through December 31, 2017; and

WHEREAS, the State of Wisconsin has allocated \$2,773,238 to pay for the services to be provided by the Aging Resource Center of the County in 2017; and

WHEREAS, the Committee on Health and Human Needs, at its meeting of December 7, 2016, considered this resolution for information only; and

WHEREAS, the Committee on Finance and Audit, at its meeting of December 8, 2016, recommended adoption of the Interim Director's request (vote 5-0); now, therefore,

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BE IT RESOLVED, the Milwaukee County Executive, or his designee, is hereby authorized to execute a contract with the Wisconsin Department of Health Services to enable the Department on Aging to serve as the Aging Resource Center of Milwaukee County, under Family Care, for the period effective January 1, 2017, through December 31, 2017, and to accept \$2,773,238 in State and Federal funds, and such other revenues as may be awarded to operate the Aging Resource Center.

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