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From the Acting Director, Department of Health and Human Services, requesting authorization to establish a 2018 operating capital budget of \$200,000 to record expenses and revenues funded by the sale of foreclosed properties improved through the “Opportunity Knocks” program; and allocating remaining proceeds to the Housing Division rather than to the Appropriation for Contingencies, by recommending adoption of the following:

A RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, in 2016, the Housing Division, Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), started a pilot program, “Opportunity Knocks,” as described in an informational report to the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors (County Board) in File No. 16-612; and

WHEREAS, the “Opportunity Knocks” program improves foreclosed properties while providing job training for inmates transitioning out of the House of Correction, and in turn, makes these improved properties available to first-time homebuyers; and

WHEREAS, funds from the sale of “Opportunity Knocks” properties need to be reinvested into the Housing Division, DHHS, for the future sustainability of the program; and

WHEREAS, the 2018 Adopted Budget included the operation of the Housing Opportunities and Minimizing Evictions for Stabilization program, which also uses real estate revenue as its funding source and requires funding; and

WHEREAS, Section 75.36(3), Wisconsin State Statutes (the Statutes), and Section 6.03(4)(d) of the Milwaukee County Code of General Ordinances (the Code) provides that the County Treasurer is responsible for directing the distribution of proceeds from the sale of tax-foreclosed properties to Milwaukee County (the County) departments involved in the upkeep and sale of such properties; and

WHEREAS, under Section 6.03(4)(e) and (f) of the Code, the County Board has ordained that any remaining proceeds – after the County Treasurer makes its disbursements – are to be distributed to the former homestead owner, if applicable, or placed in the County’s Appropriation for Contingencies, unless the County Board allocates these funds for a different purpose; and

WHEREAS, the intent of this resolution is to allocate the remaining proceeds from the sale of foreclosed properties improved through the “Opportunity Knocks” program to the Housing Division, DHHS, rather than the Appropriation for Contingencies – after the distribution of funds per Section 6.03(4)(d) of the Code, and subject to any homestead proceeds, if applicable; and

47 WHEREAS, these proceeds will be placed in an Operating Capital Account within
48 the Housing Division, DHHS, which will allow the capital costs and revenues to be
49 recorded and any remaining balance to carry over into the following year per Section
50 59.60(11) of the Statutes; and

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52 WHEREAS, the Committee on Economic and Community Development, at its
53 meeting of May 14, 2018, recommended adoption of File No. 18-338 (vote 5-0); now,
54 therefore,

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56 BE IT RESOLVED, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors (County Board)
57 hereby authorizes the Office of the Comptroller and the Department of Administrative
58 Services to process an appropriation transfer for Org. Unit 8500 – Housing Division to
59 reflect expenditures in the total amount of \$200,000, and revenue totaling \$200,000 for
60 a net tax levy impact of \$0 in Low Org. 8541, Expenditure Account 8588, and Revenue
61 Object 4999; and

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63 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, pursuant to Section 6.03(4)(e) and (f) of the
64 Milwaukee County Code of General Ordinances (the Code), the County Board hereby
65 authorizes the allocation of the remaining proceeds from the sale of foreclosed
66 properties through the “Opportunity Knocks” program to the Housing Division rather
67 than to the Appropriation for Contingencies – after the distribution of funds per Section
68 6.03(4)(d) of the Code, and subject to any required homestead proceeds, if applicable.

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