

3 A resolution by Supervisor Moore Omokunde, endorsing the City of Milwaukee Health
4 Department's Office of Violence Prevention's "Blueprint for Peace," by recommending
5 adoption of the following:

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7 **A RESOLUTION**
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9 WHEREAS, Milwaukee County (the County) is committed to promoting a safe
10 and healthy environment for all its residents; and

11 WHEREAS, on November 16, 2017, the City of Milwaukee Health Department's
12 Office of Violence Prevention launched the "Blueprint for Peace," (the Blueprint)
13 Milwaukee's first comprehensive and community-wide violence prevention plan; and

14 WHEREAS, over 1,500 community residents, including youth directly impacted
15 by violence, participated in this planning effort; and

16 WHEREAS, the Blueprint was supported by a Steering Committee, representing
17 a cross-section of public, private, nonprofit, business, philanthropic, youth, law
18 enforcement, health, and community leaders; and

19 WHEREAS, violence prevention is a critical strategy for increasing short and
20 long-term public safety; and

21 WHEREAS, since the 1980's, the Center for Disease Control and Prevention and
22 the United States Surgeon General have recognized violence as a public health
23 problem and it is now widely accepted as such; and

24 WHEREAS, addressing structural and community violence as a public health
25 crisis requires a long-term, comprehensive, and inclusive response of key stakeholders
26 in health, education, social services, justice, policy, and the private sectors; and

27 WHEREAS, the risk for violence among youth is increased by their
28 developmental stage, which is characterized by impulsiveness and the inability to
29 anticipate long-term consequences; while this is not an inevitable occurrence, but a
30 learned behavior that is the result of preventable and controllable factors in the life of
31 youth, such as: poverty, family instability, domestic abuse, mental or physical illness,
32 educational failure, a lack of engagement in productive and affirming out-of-school-time
33 activities, and diminished relationships with supportive adults; and

34 WHEREAS, the risk for youth violence can be reduced by increasing
35 connectedness to family and other supportive adults and institutions; by increasing
36 commitment to academic achievement, through connection to a positive value system;
37 and by being able to contribute to community well-being; and

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47 WHEREAS, the factors that contribute to or protect against violence can be
48 measured, as can the effectiveness of interventions addressing those factors, and the
49 racial and socioeconomic disparities that persist; and

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51 WHEREAS, the County acknowledges that a criminal justice approach alone is
52 insufficient to address the short and long-term goals of creating a safe, healthy, and
53 thriving County; and

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55 WHEREAS, the Committee on Health and Human Needs, at its meeting of
56 June 13, 2018, recommended adoption of File No. 18-395 (vote 5-0); now, therefore,

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58 BE IT RESOLVED, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors recognizes
59 violence is a public health issue that requires strategic, long-term, and multi-faceted
60 responses that are implemented with urgency, and supported by adequate public policy
61 and resources; and

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63 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Milwaukee County endorses the goals and
64 strategies detailed in the "Blueprint for Peace," attached hereto this file.

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