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A resolution by Supervisor Lipscomb, Sr., supporting efforts to effectuate the will of the people from the November 2018, advisory referendum relating to the legalization, regulation, and taxation of marijuana, and in support of the Governor of Wisconsin’s proposals to legalize medical marijuana, decriminalize possession of small amounts of marijuana for personal use, establish an expungement procedure for individuals who have completed their sentence or probation for possession, and align Wisconsin’s laws on cannabidiol oil with Federal standards, by recommending adoption of the following:

A RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, in File No. 18-760, adopted November 1, 2018, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors adopted a resolution encouraging the State of Wisconsin (the State) to retroactively decriminalize marijuana; and

WHEREAS, in an advisory referendum during the November 2018 General Election, approximately 70 percent of Milwaukee County (the County) voters affirmed the question, “Do you favor adults 21 years of age and older to engage in the personal use of marijuana, while also regulating commercial marijuana-related activities, and imposing a tax on the sale of marijuana?” (File No. 18-333); and

WHEREAS, across the State during the November 2018 General Election, 16 counties and a city had firm majorities supporting some form of marijuana legalization or decriminalization, including:

- Brown, 75
- Clark, 67 percent
- Dane, 76 percent
- Eau Claire, 54 percent
- Forest, 78 percent
- Kenosha, 88 percent
- La Crosse, 63 percent
- Langlade, 77 percent
- Lincoln, 81 percent
- Marathon, 82 percent
- Marquette, 82 percent
- Milwaukee, 70 percent
- Portage, 83 percent
- Racine, 59 percent
- Rock, 69 percent
- Sauk, 80 percent

43 • City of Waukesha, 77 percent

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47 WHEREAS, on February 18, 2019, the Governor proposed matching Federal
48 standards regarding cannabidiol oil, legalizing medical marijuana, decriminalizing
49 possession of small amounts of marijuana for personal use, and expunging the criminal
50 records of those convicted and/or on probation for marijuana possession in the 2019-
51 2021 State Biennial Budget; and

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53 WHEREAS, in 2019, 33 states, four territories of the United States, and the
54 District of Columbia have legalized marijuana for medical and/or recreational use; and

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56 WHEREAS, the County should recognize the will of the people as expressed by
57 the November 2018, advisory referendum on marijuana legalization, regulation, and
58 taxation, and the County should support statewide proposals which reflect the essence
59 of the voter’s views; and

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61 WHEREAS, the Committee on Intergovernmental Relations, at its meeting of
62 April 11, 2019, recommended adoption of File No. 19-409 (vote 5-0); now, therefore,

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64 BE IT RESOLVED, consistent with the will of Milwaukee County voters, who
65 advised policymakers in November 2018, by answering affirmatively to the question:

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67 “Do you favor allowing adults 21 years of age and older to engage in the
68 personal use of marijuana, while also regulating commercial marijuana-related
69 activities, and imposing a tax on the sale of marijuana?”

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71 The Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors hereby supports efforts to effectuate the
72 referendum results, which includes the support of the Governor’s proposals to:

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- 74 • Legalize medical marijuana
- 75 • Decriminalize possession of small amounts of marijuana for personal use
- 76 • Establish an expungement procedure for individuals who have completed their
77 sentence or probation for possession
- 78 • Align the State of Wisconsin’s (the State’s) laws on cannabidiol oil with Federal
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83 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Office of Government Affairs staff is
84 authorized and requested to communicate the contents of this resolution to the State
85 Legislature and Governor.

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