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From the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors’ Legislative Liaison, Office of Government Affairs, requesting authorization to communicate Milwaukee County’s (the County) position on provisions contained in the Governor’s proposed 2019-2021 Biennial Budget, which impact the County, by recommending adoption of the following:

A RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, on February 28, 2019, the Governor of the State of Wisconsin (the State) presented his proposed 2019-2021 Biennial Budget to a joint session of the State Legislature, and various provisions included therein would impact Milwaukee County (the County) in various ways; and

WHEREAS, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisor’s (County Board) Legislative Liaison, Office of Government Affairs, prepared a written report on April 11, 2019, (File No. 19-15), which details each provision in the proposed Biennial Budget that would affect the County in the following areas: Juvenile Justice, and Transportation and Public Works; and

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin Counties Association has also summarized provisions included in the proposed Biennial Budget; and

WHEREAS, the County Board’s Legislative Liaison, Office of Government Affairs, has met with policymakers and departmental staff to determine the provisions which serve, hinder, or require further scrutiny in pursuit of the best interests of the County; and

WHEREAS, in File No. 18-633, pursuant to Wisconsin 2017 Act 185, the County moved to design a Secured Residential Care Center for Children and Youth (SRCCCY), applied for a State grant, and transferred surplus dollars to facilitate the planning, design, and construction of said SRCCCY (File Nos. 19-235 and 19-236); and

WHEREAS, funding for the Milwaukee County Transit System’s JobLines routes (JobLines) into Waukesha County were due to expire at the end of 2018, (File No. 18-799), and the Black Health Coalition of Wisconsin and the Milwaukee Inner City Congregations Allied for Hope presented the importance of the JobLines in connecting workers with faraway jobs (File No. 18-364), and the County Board allocated money in the 2019 Adopted Budget to extend the JobLines for eight months in 2019; and

WHEREAS, the County would partner with neighboring local governments to facilitate cross-jurisdictional public transit, allowing workers and travelers to move back and forth; and

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WHEREAS, it is critical that the County communicate its position on these individual, State budget provisions in the areas of Juvenile Justice, and Transportation and Public Works, to provide policy direction for the County’s lobbying efforts during deliberations on the Biennial Budget; and

WHEREAS, the Committee on Intergovernmental Relations, at its meeting of April 11, 2019, recommended adoption of File No. 19-412 (vote 4-0); now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors (County Board) hereby supports the following provisions included in the Governor’s proposed State of Wisconsin (the State) 2019-2021 Biennial Budget, as outlined in the County Board Legislative Liaison’s, Office of Government Affairs, April 2019 report, hereto attached to this file, and any other pertinent stand-alone policy resolution, including:

- Returning 17-year-olds to the juvenile justice system and providing additional funding for Secured Residential Care Centers for Children and Youth
(Department of Children and Families)
- Allocating 60 percent of the remaining \$25 million from the Volkswagen Settlement to transit capital purchases, and reducing Milwaukee County’s (the County) shared revenue reduction from 75 percent to 20 percent
(Transportation and Public Works)
- Increasing transit and paratransit aids by 10 percent
(Transportation and Public Works)
- Incentivizing inter-county transit routes to strengthen metropolitan cooperation, and facilitating greater public transit opportunities for passengers
(Transportation and Public Works)

; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the County Board’s Legislative Liaison, Office of Government Affairs, is hereby authorized and directed to communicate the County’s positions on the aforementioned provisions contained in the proposed Wisconsin 2019-2021 Biennial Budget to State policymakers, agency staff, and others to effectuate policy directives.