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**A RESOLUTION**

requesting and authorizing the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) to explore program options for a partnership with Milwaukee Public Schools (MPS) to provide services to residents at select Community School locations

WHEREAS, the Milwaukee County Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) provides youth and family services, disability services, behavioral health services, and housing and energy assistance for thousands of Milwaukee County residents annually; and

WHEREAS, Milwaukee Public Schools (MPS) enrolled 75,081 students during the 2018-2019 school year, of which 89.2 percent were students of color and 82.5 percent were economically disadvantaged; and

WHEREAS, Community Schools place an emphasis on helping the whole child by strategically providing the child with academic support, social and emotional learning, health and wellness, and family engagement in a safe and supportive environment; and

WHEREAS, ten schools within MPS currently operate as a Community Partnership School with United Way of Greater Milwaukee and Waukesha County; and

WHEREAS, the Coalition on Community Schools reports that Community Schools serve as a portal to services, relationships and opportunities that support academic, social, emotional, physical and civic development for students and families; and

WHEREAS, the Milwaukee County DHHS serves as a resource for residents of Milwaukee County to access services to improve their quality of life and well-being for their families throughout the County; and

WHEREAS, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors requests that DHHS explore the opportunity of providing services offered by DHHS in conjunction with a Community School within MPS; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, the Director, Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), is hereby authorized and directed to identify services that are compatible with the Community Schools initiative that can be delivered at a Milwaukee Public Schools (MPS) site(s); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Department is requested to furnish a written report to the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors by the December 2019 meeting cycle identifying DHHS services that could be provided at an MPS Community School location and the programmatic and fiscal feasibility of such a partnership.