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From the Director, Milwaukee County Office of Emergency Management, requesting ratification of the Proclamation of Existence of a County Emergency, dated January 17,2020, requesting the Governor to provide state disaster relief for Milwaukee County and if necessary, to request a declaration by the President of the United States in order to secure public assistance as offered through the Robert T. Stafford Act, by recommending adoption of the following:

A REVISED RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Chapter 99 of the Milwaukee County Code of General Ordinances, and Section 323.14(4)(b), Wisconsin State Statutes (State Statutes), empower the Director, Office of Emergency Management (OEM), to proclaim the existence or threatened existence of local emergency when conditions arise by reason of a disaster, extraordinary disturbance, and/or civil unrest, and the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors (County Board) is not in session; and

WHEREAS, the Director, OEM, does hereby find Milwaukee County (the County) sustained flooding and major damage to its shoreline, infrastructure, and recreational areas caused by an intense low-pressure system southeast of Milwaukee occurring Friday, January 10, 2020, through Sunday, January 12, 2020; and

WHEREAS, sustained strong easterly fetch winds at 50-60 miles per hour produced large waves and flooding, resulting in lakeshore damage to property, infrastructure, and erosion of bluffs with Lake Michigan water levels reaching four feet above normal heights; and

WHEREAS, the County has sustained losses to public property of a major proportion with initial cost estimates of the following:

- Debris Removal — \$198,500
- Emergency Protective Measures — \$32,000
- Roads and Bridges — \$590,250
- Water Control Facilities — \$2,724,500
- Public Buildings and Equipment — \$467,170
- Public Utilities — \$185,459
- Parks and Recreation Facilities — \$6,535,000

; and

WHEREAS, the total damage estimate is \$10,732,879; and

WHEREAS, the initial damage assessment includes estimates from County Parks, Port of Milwaukee, City of Milwaukee Water Works, City of Cudahy, and the Village of Whitefish Bay; and

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WHEREAS, current snow cover and additional unseen damages may grow the estimate as melt and thaw occurs; and

WHEREAS, local municipal and County insurance coverage assessments are pending with a County deductible of \$750,000; and

WHEREAS, natural features of the lakeshore that have been improved, including beach nourishment, bluff replenishment, riprap, man-placed rock (breakwater), boat docks, piers, ports, benches, bike paths, etc., may be eligible for State of Wisconsin (the State) and/or Federal funding; and

WHEREAS, the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act 100-707 guide the Federal Emergency Management Agency Public Assistance grant program, and the Wisconsin Disaster Fund state-funded reimbursement program; and

WHEREAS, State damage formulas are based on reimbursement of 70 percent (estimate \$7,513,015), and the remaining 30 percent (estimate \$3,219,864) the responsibility of the affected government; and

WHEREAS, Federal damage formulas are based on reimbursement of 75 percent (estimate \$8,049,659) from Federal, 12.5 percent (estimate \$1,341,610) from State, and the remaining 12.5 percent (estimate \$1,341,610) the responsibility of the affected government; and

WHEREAS, Section 323.14(4)(b), State Statutes, states the County Executive shall exercise by proclamation all of the powers conferred upon the governing body of declaring the existence of an emergency in accordance with Section 323.11, State Statutes, when the governing body is unable to meet promptly; and

WHEREAS, the County Executive and Director, OEM, signed a Proclamation of Existence of a County Emergency, dated January 17, 2020, and submitted to the Office of the Governor requesting State disaster relief for the County, and if necessary, requesting a declaration by the President of the United States; and

WHEREAS, Section 323.14(4)(b), State Statutes, states this Proclamation shall be subject to ratification, alteration, modification, or repeal by the County Board as soon as that body can meet; and

WHEREAS, the Committee on Finance and Audit, at its meeting of January 30, 2020, recommended adoption of File No. 20-144 (vote 6-0); now, therefore,

90 BE IT RESOLVED, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors hereby ratifies
91 the Proclamation of Existence of a County Emergency, dated January 17, 2020,
92 requesting the Governor to provide State of Wisconsin disaster relief for Milwaukee
93 County to alleviate damages, and if necessary, to request a declaration by the President
94 of the United States that a major disaster exists in order to secure public assistance as
95 offered through the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act,
96 as amended; and

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98 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Director, Office of Emergency Management,
99 is authorized to assist in the response and administration of the disaster recovery
100 process and to coordinate damage assessment survey teams with local units of
101 government.

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