By Supervisor Clancy File No. 21-83

**A RESOLUTION**

to create one Community Intervention Specialist position, effective February 21, 2021, in the Department of Health and Human Services - Housing Division, and authorizing an appropriation transfer of $48,042 from Org. Unit 1940-1945 Appropriation for Contingencies to Org. Unit 8529 to fund the position for the remainder of 2021

WHEREAS, the Milwaukee County Department of Health and Human Services - Housing Division (DHHS-Housing) performs services related to homeless outreach, housing intervention, and permanent supportive housing for individuals and their families; and

WHEREAS, the Community Intervention Specialist positions are vital to the core functions of the Housing Division and since 2015 they have successfully placed more than 1,500 homeless individuals and their families into permanent supportive housing and provided wraparound services to ensure they were able to remain housed; and

WHEREAS, 96 percent of individuals and their families placed in housing through the Housing Division have been able to maintain housing, and homelessness in Milwaukee County decreased 45 percent since the Housing First Initiative started in 2015; and

WHEREAS, the success of the Housing First Initiative to end chronic homelessness will allow the Community Intervention Specialists in 2021 to shift their focus to placing individuals and their families in rapid rehousing; and

WHEREAS, rapid rehousing plans to place 64 homeless individuals and their families into medium-term housing and cover rent and expenses for them for up to one year as well as provide them with needed wraparound services to increase their self-sufficiency and stay housed; and

WHEREAS, in 2019, Milwaukee County declared racism a public health crisis (File No. 19-397), acknowledging a locally, longstanding and inequitable access to safe and stable housing, as homelessness and housing stability disproportionately affect Black Milwaukeeans, who make up 70 percent of the County’s homeless population while being only 24.6 percent of the County’s overall population; and

WHEREAS, DHHS-Housing has 23 positions of Community Intervention Specialist and Lead Community Intervention Specialist, including two positions created in File No. 20-676, adopted November 5, 2020, that are funded for at least two years with City of Milwaukee grant funds; and

WHEREAS, the Community Intervention Specialists will provide oversight for all functions of the rapid rehousing program, that includes management of wraparound services coordination and housing navigation as these functions are critical to the success of the individuals and their families placed through the repaid rehousing program; now, therefore;

BE IT RESOLVED, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors hereby creates the following position effective Pay Period 5, beginning February 21, 2021, to enhance the Department of Health and Human Services – Housing Division services:

Title Title Code # of Positions Pay Grade

Community Intervention Specialist 00008000 1 24

; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Department of Administrative Services - Office of Performance, Strategy and Budget (DAS-PSB), working in conjunction with the Office of the Comptroller, is authorized and directed to transfer $48,042 from Org. Unit 1940-1945 Appropriation for Contingencies to the appropriate salary accounts in Org. Unit 8529 - Department of Health and Human Services - Housing Division to offset the cost of the position for the remainder of 2021.