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Report from the Director, Department of Health and Human Services, requesting support for a funding increase in the 2021-2023 State biennial budget to ensure access to critical services for older adults and people with disabilities provided by Aging and Disability Resource Centers (ADRCs), by recommending adoption of the following:

A RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Aging and Disability Resource Centers (ADRCs) are the first place to go to get accurate and unbiased information on all aspects of life related to aging or living with a disability; and

WHEREAS, ADRC services include providing information and assistance, benefits counseling, coordinating short-term services, conducting functional screens, and enrollment processing and counseling; and

WHEREAS, in the State of Wisconsin (the State), there are currently 34 single-county ADRCs, 12 multi-county/tribal ADRCs, and seven tribal Aging and Disability Resource Specialists that work with an ADRC; and

WHEREAS, ADRCs serve the fastest growing demographic of our State's population; and

WHEREAS, the funding method for ADRCs has not been revised in more than a decade, and funding for ADRCs has not increased since 2006; and

WHEREAS, it has become evident that ADRC funding needs revision for a number of reasons, including:

- The current inequitable distribution of funding among ADRCs;
- The need to increase funding so that all ADRCs may effectively meet their mission, as outlined in the Scope of Services contract addendum;

; and

WHEREAS, the Office for Resource Center Development within the State Department of Health Services established a stakeholder advisory group (the Advisory Group) in 2017 to discuss ADRC funding; and

WHEREAS, the Advisory Group identified a number of issues with the current funding formula, such as:

- Dollars are distributed based on the date of ADRC establishment - older ADRCs (Generation One) receive more funding than ADRCs established at a later date (Generation Two and Three ADRCs);

- 47 • The current formula does not take into account elements associated with
48 health and social inequity that require a greater need for ADRC services;
49 • The current formula does not adjust with need – the State’s aging and
50 disability populations continue to grow and are expected to grow
51 significantly over the next 20 years;
52 • The current formula does not account for needed cost of living
53 adjustments;

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57 WHEREAS, a significant State General Purpose Revenue investment is needed
58 to implement the recommendations of the Advisory Group; and

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60 WHEREAS, such a significant State investment would provide consistency in
61 ADRC funding Statewide, cover the services required and recommended in the Scope
62 of Services contract addendum, and equalize services among ADRCs; and

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64 WHEREAS, the work of the Advisory Group complements the work of the
65 Governor’s Task Force on Caregiving; and

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67 WHEREAS, the Committee on Intergovernmental Relations, at its meeting of
68 January 21, 2021, recommended adoption of File No. 21-108 (vote 5-0); now, therefore,

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70 BE IT RESOLVED, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors hereby supports
71 the following increases in the 2021-23 State of Wisconsin (the State) biennial budget to
72 ensure access to critical services provided by Aging and Disability Resource Centers
73 (ADRCs) to the State’s aging and disability populations:

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75 • Provide an additional \$27,410,000 in General Purpose Revenue funding to our
76 State’s ADRCs. It is important to note that the proposed change in the ADRC
77 allocation methodology cannot occur unless the full \$27.4 million is allocated;
78 • Provide additional funding to expand/equalize ADRC services across the State:
79 ○ Expand Dementia Care Specialist Funding Statewide: \$3,320,000
80 ○ Fully Fund Elder Benefit Specialists Statewide: \$2,300,000
81 ○ Expand Caregiver Support and Programs: \$3,600,000
82 ○ Expand Health Promotion Services: \$6,000,000
83 ○ Expand Care Transition Services: \$6,000,000
84 ○ Fund ADRCs in Tribes: \$1,180,000
85 ○ Fully Fund Aging and Disability Resource Support Systems: \$2,650,000;

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89 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, a copy of this resolution be sent to
90 Governor Tony Evers, Department of Administration Secretary Joel Brennan,
91 Department of Health Services Secretary-designee Andrea Palm, the Wisconsin
92 Counties Association, and all area legislators.

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