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From the Director of Audits, an audit report titled “Former ROD’s Willful Disregard for County Policies and Procedures and Cooperative Vendors Facilitated Development of a “Pot of Gold” for Improper Use of County Funds,” by recommending adoption of the following:

**A RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, in May 2015, the Audit Services Division (ASD), Office of the Comptroller (the Comptroller), opened an investigation concerning Milwaukee County (the County) Register of Deeds (ROD) John La Fave, based upon receipt of a tip to the ASD’s Fraud Hotline; and

WHEREAS, the initial focus of the investigation was on potential violation(s) of the County Code of Ethics by La Fave, and/or a County vendor, Fidlar Technologies (Fidlar); and

WHEREAS, the investigation then developed evidence of actions by ROD personnel and representatives of Fidlar, and another ROD vendor, Superior Support Resources, which was deemed to have the possibility of rising to criminal misconduct; and

WHEREAS, due to the potential criminal behavior, ASD referred the initial investigation materials to law enforcement in 2016; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Bureau of Investigation conducted a lawful search on the ROD’s Office on February 6, 2019; and

WHEREAS, ROD John La Fave retired on April 12, 2019; and

WHEREAS, in June 2020, ASD was notified that the United States Attorney’s Office for the Eastern District of Wisconsin filed a charge against former County ROD John La Fave; and

WHEREAS, ASD initiated an audit of the ROD in response to a request by the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors under File No. 19-486; and

WHEREAS, ASD concluded an audit, and issued its audit report in February 2021 titled, “Former ROD’s Willful Disregard for County Policies and Procedures and Cooperative Vendors Facilitated Development of a “Pot of Gold” for Improper Use of County Funds”; and

WHEREAS, audit recommendations are provided in the audit report; and

46 WHEREAS, responses to recommendations from the ROD accompany the audit  
47 report as Exhibit 2, and from the Comptroller as Exhibit 3; and

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49 WHEREAS, the Committee on Audit, at its meeting of March 17, 2021,  
50 recommended adoption of File No. 21-297 (vote 5-0); now, therefore,

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52 BE IT RESOLVED, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors concurs with the  
53 audit recommendations contained in the Audit Services Division's, Office of the  
54 Comptroller, audit report, "Former ROD's Willful Disregard for County Policies and  
55 Procedures and Cooperative Vendors Facilitated Development of a "Pot of Gold for  
56 Improper Use of County Funds."

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