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4 **A RESOLUTION**

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6 denouncing political violence, rioting, looting, arson, armed insurrection, domestic
7 terrorism, and white supremacy
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10 WHEREAS, Milwaukee County is working on a roadmap to become the
11 healthiest county in Wisconsin; and
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13 WHEREAS, Milwaukee County officially declared racism a public health crisis
14 (File No. 19-397), and amended the Milwaukee County Code of General Ordinances to
15 include Chapter 108: Achieving Racial Equity and Health (File No. 20-174); and
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17 WHEREAS, the Armed Conflict Location and Event Data Project (ACLED) and
18 the Bridging Divides Initiatives (BDI) at Princeton University collaborated to perform the
19 duty of United States (U.S.) Crisis Monitor; and
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21 WHEREAS, the U.S. Crisis Monitor tracks political violence, identifies risks and
22 potential threats data, which can be used to improve decision-making, enhance peace
23 building efforts, and mitigate further violence; and
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25 WHEREAS, the U.S. Crisis Monitor confirms that there were 725 Black Lives
26 Matter protests in the United States between May 24, 2020 and August 22, 2020, and
27 while most of those protests were peaceful, some were met with violence that included
28 tear gas, rubber bullets and beating of protesters with batons; and
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30 WHEREAS, while violence was forced upon protestors there were also over 100
31 instances of government violence directed towards the media during this same time
32 period as reported by the *Huffington Post*; and
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34 WHEREAS, according to the U.S. Crisis Monitor, in Wisconsin there were 375
35 protests as of May 2020; and
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37 WHEREAS, of these protests 342 of them were reported as peaceful and 33
38 protests were reported as using excessive force, and/or violence by/or associated with
39 the demonstrators; and

40 WHEREAS, the most notable protest in Wisconsin occurred following the
41 shooting of Jacob Blake on August 23, 2020 in the City of Kenosha by Kenosha Police
42 Officers, in which protesters took to the streets of Kenosha to voice their frustration over
43 another life forever changed at the hands of law enforcement; and

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45 WHEREAS, on the third day of protesting for Jacob Blake, protesters clashed
46 with a vigilante group and three people were shot resulting in the death of two; and

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48 WHEREAS, months prior to the shooting of Jacob Blake in Minneapolis on May
49 25, 2020, George Floyd, an unarmed black man suspected of forgery, died at the hands
50 of law enforcement, after the arresting officer kneeled on George Floyd's neck for eight
51 minutes; and

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53 WHEREAS, the killing of George Floyd sparked protests nationwide, of which
54 protesters looted businesses in Minnesota including a police department precinct, and
55 in New York protesters clashed with police officers, resulting in more than 40 people
56 arrested and hundreds more were treated for injuries; and

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58 WHEREAS, in October 2020, protesters took to the streets of Wauwatosa to
59 express their frustration with the District Attorney's decision to not charge Wauwatosa
60 Police Officer Joseph Mensah in the fatal shooting of Alvin Cole in February 2020; and

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62 WHEREAS, although the protests in Wauwatosa were peaceful, the Mayor of
63 Wauwatosa set a 7:00 p.m. curfew in the City, restricting protesters from assembling
64 peacefully, and shortly thereafter at 8 p.m., approximately 19 protesters were arrested
65 and issued citations for violating curfew and an emergency order, including Alvin Cole's
66 mother and State Assembly Representative David Bowen of Milwaukee; and

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68 WHEREAS, on January 6, 2021, protesters stormed the United States Capitol in
69 an attempt to disrupt the certification of the Electoral College votes, and five people
70 were killed including one U.S. Capitol Police Officer and more than 138 police officers
71 were injured; and

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73 WHEREAS, Milwaukee County adopted File No. 21-193, which, in part,
74 condemned the insurrection at the United States Capitol; and

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76 WHEREAS, the Wisconsin State Assembly adopted 2021 Assembly Resolution
77 Four, condemning political violence and supporting people's right to assemble
78 peacefully; and

79 WHEREAS, the violent events that took place in Kenosha, Minneapolis, the
80 United States Capitol and other places that claimed the lives of several people and hurt
81 others, is unpatriotic and uncivil and violates the personal values of each member of the
82 Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors; and

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84 WHEREAS, the Committee on Health Equity, Human Needs and Strategic
85 Planning, at its meeting of May 12, 2021, recommended adoption of File No. 21-406
86 (vote 4-0); now, therefore,

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88 BE IT RESOLVED, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors discourages city
89 leaders in Wauwatosa, Kenosha, Minneapolis, and other municipalities from preventing
90 peaceful protesting by declaring an unlawful assembly; and

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92 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors
93 hereby denounces any form of political violence, acts of rioting, looting, arson, armed
94 insurrection, acts of domestic terrorism, white supremacy, and supports and
95 encourages peacefully assembly and the right to free speech for all.

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