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4 **AN AMENDED RESOLUTION**

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6 to set a short-term goal for 2024 for Milwaukee County’s aspiration to become the
7 healthiest County in Wisconsin and requesting the Office of African American Affairs
8 (OAAA) and the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) track health
9 outcomes for the County, including quality of life and health factors including health
10 behaviors, clinical care, social and economic factors, and physical environment
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13 WHEREAS, Milwaukee County adopted File No. 19-397 in April 2019
14 declaring racism as a public health crisis, committing to changing internal policies and
15 practices that contribute to racial inequities as an organization, and advocating for
16 policies and practices that improve the health of communities of color; and
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18 WHEREAS, Milwaukee County adopted File No. 20-174 in April 2020, creating
19 Chapter 108 of the Milwaukee County Code of General Ordinances with the stated goal
20 of achieving racial equity in order to make Milwaukee County the healthiest county in
21 Wisconsin and with the mission of enhancing the quality of life in Milwaukee County
22 through great public service; and
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24 WHEREAS, to help achieve racial equity, Milwaukee County adopted the
25 Wisconsin Population Health Institute’s Health and Equity Framework which includes
26 identifying and eliminating racial biases in governmental practices to eliminate the root
27 causes of systemic and institutional racism; and
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29 WHEREAS, the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and the University of
30 Wisconsin Population Health Institute collaborated to produce the ~~2020~~ **2021** Wisconsin
31 County Health Rankings and Roadmaps of which Milwaukee County ranked ~~74~~ **70** out
32 of 72 counties for health outcomes and health factors; and
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34 WHEREAS, the report measures health outcomes by analyzing counties’ length
35 of life and quality of life, wherein length of life is measured by the number of premature
36 deaths and quality of life is based on self-reported health statuses, and the percentage
37 of low birth weight infants; and
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39 WHEREAS, according to the report, health factors represent things we can
40 change to improve our health and the health factors that were measured for this report

41 include health behaviors, clinical care, social and economic factors, and physical
42 environment; and

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44 WHEREAS, race is a consistent predictor of a person's quality and length of life,
45 in which black and brown communities have lower access to safe, quality green spaces
46 and recreation, transportation, healthcare and social services, affordable housing,
47 education, healthy food options, clean drinking water, and financial security; and

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49 ~~WHEREAS, the Office on African American Affairs (OAAA) is dedicated to~~
50 ~~improving the condition of the African American community in Milwaukee and~~
51 ~~has led the normalization of conversations about race and racism at all levels of~~
52 ~~Milwaukee County government to facilitate institutional change the Director of~~
53 ~~Strategic Planning is accountable for reporting out the County's progress toward~~
54 ~~achieving strategic plan outcomes~~; and

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56 WHEREAS, the Director of Strategic Planning is working collaboratively
57 with leaders across the County to identify strategic focus areas, audit the
58 County's services, and analyze servicing gaps, and develop key performance
59 indicators aligned with the strategic plan; and

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61 ~~WHEREAS, the Milwaukee County Department of Health and Human~~
62 ~~Services (DHHS) provides critical services for children, youth and their families in~~
63 ~~Milwaukee County, including behavioral health, youth and family services,~~
64 ~~disability and housing services that directly impacts individuals and their families~~
65 ~~and contributes to the overall health of the County; and~~

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67 WHEREAS, the ~~2020~~ 2021 Wisconsin County Health Rankings and Roadmaps
68 report concluded that a pattern of unfair differences exist for people with lower incomes
69 and communities of color when it comes to access to care, air and water quality,
70 community safety, housing opportunities, employment opportunities, quality of care and
71 more; and

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73 ~~WHEREAS, OAAA and DHHS can work collaboratively to track health~~
74 ~~outcomes and health factors for Milwaukee County, provide guidance on how to~~
75 ~~improve health outcomes and health factors within the county, and begin the~~
76 ~~process of identifying and dismantling those barriers to access mentioned in the~~
77 ~~report for low income people and people of color thus improving their quality of~~
78 ~~life and health; and~~

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80 WHEREAS, all County departments are committed to improving the health of
81 Milwaukee County for the long-term and all departments shall continue to take

82 actionable steps to improve the quality of life in the county, and health factors thus
83 moving the county forward with its mission of becoming the healthiest county in
84 Wisconsin and achieving racial equity; and

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86 WHEREAS, the Committee on Health Equity, Human Needs and Strategic
87 Planning, at its meeting of July 14, 2021, recommended adoption of File No. 21-611 as
88 amended (vote 3-2); now, therefore,

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90 BE IT RESOLVED, ~~the~~ Milwaukee County **Board of Supervisors (County**
91 **Board)** asks for the **Director of Strategic Planning to create a dashboard of short-**
92 **term and long-term goals, in coordination with major partners – including but not**
93 **limited to Milwaukee County (the County) municipal leaders, the Greater**
94 **Milwaukee Foundation, Milwaukee Metropolitan Association of Commerce, and**
95 **the Medical College of Wisconsin – to envision and display the County’s**
96 **incremental progress aspires to become at least the 68th healthiest county in**
97 **Wisconsin by 2024 as a near-term goal on its way to becoming to become** the
98 healthiest county in Wisconsin; and

99 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the ~~Office of African American Affairs, in~~
100 ~~conjunction with the Department of Health and Human Services, Director of~~
101 ~~Strategic Planning~~ shall track the health metrics identified in the ~~2020 2021~~ Wisconsin
102 County Health Rankings and Roadmaps hereto attached that include quality of life in
103 the County, health behaviors, clinical care, social and economic factors and physical
104 environment; and

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106 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the ~~Office of African American Affairs Director~~
107 ~~of Strategic Planning~~ shall provide a written report to the County Board that outlines
108 what the County has done to improve its ~~ranking health outcome~~ measures on the list
109 of healthiest counties in Wisconsin to at ~~least 68th by 2024, and provide~~
110 recommendations the County can implement to ~~accelerate its progress~~ to become the
111 healthiest county in Wisconsin, and reviewing the County’s current quality of life and
112 health factors; and

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114 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the ~~Office of African American Affairs Director~~
115 ~~of Strategic Planning~~ shall provide a written report to the County Board quarterly
116 beginning with the October 2021 meeting cycle to ~~share progress on short-term and~~
117 ~~long-term development goals development, and~~ provide metrics to help ~~determine~~
118 ~~demonstrate~~ if the County is progressing toward ~~its long-term goals achieving the~~
119 ~~goals~~.

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