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4 **A RESOLUTION**

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6 Calling upon the United States Senate to pass and the President of the United States to
7 sign into law House Resolution 1280, the George Floyd Act of 2021, legislatively
8 reforming policing in the United States
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11 WHEREAS, In 2019 Milwaukee County was the first government in the United
12 States to declare racism a public health crisis (File No. 19-397); and
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14 WHEREAS, in the wake of the murder of George Floyd, Milwaukee County
15 condemned racial injustice in the United States (File No. 20-464) and called upon the
16 State of Wisconsin to implement practical reforms to make giving false information to
17 police officers on the basis of race, religion, color, disability, sexual orientation, national
18 origin, or ancestry of a person a hate crime (File No. 20-527); and
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20 WHEREAS, Milwaukee County further called upon the State of Wisconsin to
21 pass legislation which would address police accountability and transparency (File No.
22 20-681); and
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24 WHEREAS, Milwaukee County has twice called upon the State of Wisconsin and
25 its counties to make positive policy changes which would work toward eliminating
26 systemic poverty and inequality (File Nos. 20-576 and 21-548); and
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28 WHEREAS, called upon the United States and Wisconsin governments to legally
29 end qualified immunity so the taxpayers may have the cost of law enforcement
30 misconduct and malpractice mitigated (File No. 21-462); and
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32 WHEREAS, on March 3, 2021, the United States House of Representatives
33 passed House Resolution 1280, also known as the George Floyd Act of 2021, which
34 would, among other things:
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- 36 • Reduces the prosecutorial criminal intent standard from “willful” to “knowing or
37 reckless,” to ease conviction of law enforcement officers in federal prosecution
- 38 • Restricts qualified immunity so it may only be a legal liability defense for officers
39 in private civil litigation
- 40 • Enables the Federal Department of Justice administrative subpoena power in
41 “pattern-or-practice” investigations

- 42 • Requires police data transparency, creation of a national police misconduct
43 registry, and creates certification requirements for the hiring of law enforcement
44 officers
45 • Requires federal police to wear body cameras and regulates the use of them
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49 WHEREAS, the United States Senate has taken no action on the George Floyd
50 Act of 2021 and it is time for meaningful federal legal reform in the wake of George
51 Floyd's murder to create a more just society for all; and

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53 WHEREAS, the Committee on Intergovernmental Relations, at its meeting of
54 September 9, 2021, recommended adoption of File No. 21-702 (vote 4-0); now,
55 therefore,

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57 BE IT RESOLVED, Milwaukee County hereby calls upon the United States
58 Senate to pass and the President to sign into law House Resolution 1280, the George
59 Floyd Act of 2021; and

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61 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Office of Government Affairs staff is
62 authorized and requested to communicate the contents of this resolution to the
63 Wisconsin Senatorial Delegation and the Senate Majority and Minority Leaders, and
64 support legislation that achieves the criteria outlined in this resolution; and

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66 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Milwaukee County requests the County Clerk
67 provide this resolution to the Wisconsin Senatorial Delegation and the U.S. Senate
68 Majority and Minority Leaders, and support legislation that achieves the criteria outlined
69 in this resolution.

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