

1 Supervisor Haas, Chairperson,
2 By the Committee on Finance reporting on:

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4 File No. 21-34
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6 A resolution by the Committee on Finance related to an informational report from the
7 Milwaukee County Executive regarding coronavirus disease (COVID-19)-related
8 Administrative Orders.
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10 **AN ENGROSSED RESOLUTION**

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12 WHEREAS, Reference File 21-34 was created by the County Board to review
13 Administrative Orders issued by the County Executive in regards to stopping the spread
14 of the coronavirus disease (COVID-19); and
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16 WHEREAS, the County Executive issued Administrative Order 21-3v1 effective
17 September 2, 2021, that, among other things, requires vaccination by October 1, 2021
18 against COVID-19 for employees, contractors, and those accepting employment with
19 the County unless an exemption has been granted for medical reasons or sincerely-held
20 religious beliefs; and
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22 WHEREAS, Administrative Order 21-3v1 created some consequences for those
23 failing to submit proof of vaccination or those who do not receive an exemption,
24 including ineligibility for voluntary overtime or Risk Recognition Pay, and potential for
25 departments to place the employee on unpaid suspension for up to ten (10) days; and
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27 WHEREAS, Administrative Order 21-3v1 also created some new incentives for
28 employees who completed the vaccination process, including a "Vax Cash" program
29 that authorizes a \$50 payment and "Vax Champions" that provides a \$25 payment to
30 employees for each referral of a colleague to get vaccinated; and
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32 WHEREAS, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors adopted File No. 20-
33 359 requesting that any changes to pay, including as it relates to supplemental pay due
34 to the COVID-19 pandemic, are to be reviewed and approved by the Board in
35 accordance with Wis. Stats. § 59.22(2) and 63.11; and
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37 **WHEREAS, it is necessary for Milwaukee County elected officials to access**
38 **Milwaukee County facilities to perform their duly elected functions on behalf of**
39 **the people of Milwaukee County, and Milwaukee County citizens must be allowed,**
40 **regardless of vaccination status, to enter County facilities to access essential**
41 **governmental services and records; and**
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43 WHEREAS, at its meeting on September 17, 2021, the Committee on Finance
44 reviewed Administrative Order 21-3v1 and decided to take an action (vote 7-0) to
45 affirmatively approve the Administrative Order; and
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47 WHEREAS, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors (County Board) at its
48 meeting of September 23, 2021, referred this By the Committee Resolution relative to
49 reference File No. 21-34 to the Committee on Judiciary, Safety, and General Services
50 (JSGS) (vote 11-6-1); and

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52 WHEREAS, the Committee on JSGS, at its Special Virtual Meeting of
53 October 29, 2021, recommended this By the Committee Resolution, relative to
54 Reference File No. 21-34 for adoption as amended by the County Board (vote 3-2);
55 now, therefore,

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57 BE IT RESOLVED, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors hereby supports
58 Administrative Order 21-3v1 issued by the County Executive that, among other things,
59 requires vaccination by October 1, 2021 against COVID-19 for employees, contractors,
60 and those accepting employment with the County unless an exemption has been
61 granted for medical reasons or sincerely-held religious beliefs, **except for Milwaukee**
62 **County elected officials as that would otherwise potentially disenfranchise**
63 **County citizens**; and

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65 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors,
66 pursuant to the authority granted in Wis. Stats. §§ 59.22(2) and 63.11, authorizes the
67 creation of a “Vax Cash” program that authorizes a \$50 payment to employees for
68 receiving a vaccination against COVID-19 and the creation of a “Vax Champions”
69 program that provides a \$25 payment to employees for each referral of a colleague who
70 gets vaccinated between September 2, 2021 and December 31, 2021-; **and**

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72 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors**
73 **hereby modifies Administrative Order 21-3v1 to state it does not apply to**
74 **Milwaukee County elected officials and the general public’s ability to enter**
75 **County facilities and access County services and programs.**

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