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A resolution by Supervisors Lipscomb, Sr., Johnson, Jr., Moore Omokunde, Taylor, Schmitt, Haas, Cullen, and Wasserman, in support of the State of Wisconsin (the State) fully funding all operating and capital costs associated with Secure Residential Care Centers for Youth and Family throughout the State, by recommending adoption of the following:

A RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, 2017 Wisconsin Act 185 (Act 185), published on March 31, 2018, approved the closure of Lincoln Hills and Copper Lake Juvenile Correction Center by January 1, 2021; and

WHEREAS, Act 185 creates a new Type 1 Juvenile Correctional Center that will be operated by the Department of Corrections, Secure Residential Care Centers for Youth and Family (SRCCCY) that will be operated by counties, and the expansion of the Mendota Juvenile Treatment Center; and

WHEREAS, the State of Wisconsin (the State) authorized \$40 million statewide for the planning and construction of the new SRCCCYs, and counties must submit a grant application to the Juvenile Corrections Grant Committee to receive any of the funds; and

WHEREAS, several counties testified at the May 2019 Juvenile Grant Committee meeting that \$40 million is insufficient to construct the facilities, as Racine and Milwaukee counties estimate costs of approximately \$38 million and \$41 million, respectively; and

WHEREAS, counties will be responsible for covering the annual operational costs for the SRCCCY; La Crosse County estimates a SRCCCY would more than double their current annual cost; and

WHEREAS, Dane County and Brown County expressed concerns of long-term operational costs, and Milwaukee County estimates an annual gap of \$2.7 million along with a one-time startup cost of \$1.7 for SRCCCY; and

WHEREAS, counties throughout the State have expressed great concerns over the annual operational cost of the SRCCCYs, and the hardship that they are tasked with to close future budget gaps; and

WHEREAS, the Committee on Finance and Audit, at its meeting of June 13, 2019, recommended adoption of File No. 19-558 (vote 7-0); now, therefore,

44 BE IT RESOLVED, Milwaukee County hereby requests that the State of
45 Wisconsin (the State) fully fund the operational and capital costs of the new Secure
46 Residential Care Centers for Youth and Family throughout the State; and

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48 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Office of Government Affairs staff are authorized
49 and directed to provide this resolution to the Wisconsin Counties Association for
50 consideration in their 2020 Legislative Platform.

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