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### THE CHAIR

Substitute resolution authorizing 2001 budget year departmental reductions, the nonexpenditure of funds authorized by the 2001 budget.

This resolution, pursuant to statutory and city charter provisions, directs 2001 budget year reductions-the nonexpenditure of funds-relating to funds assigned to city departments which have not yet been expended.

Whereas, The City faced extreme financial pressures during fiscal year 2000, including health care cost increases of 12%, salary arbitration awards exceeding inflationary levels, and significant expenses for public works snow and ice control programs; and

Whereas, These financial pressures created an approximate \$9 million shortfall in some city accounts, which amount to less than 1% of the city's total budget; and

Whereas, The City will have to borrow additional funds to close fiscal year 2000 books because Wisconsin State Statutes prevent the City of Milwaukee from transferring between departments with surplus funds and departments with account shortfalls; and

Whereas, Milwaukee must continue to plan and address its financial challenges despite state budget law restrictions and the seven-year freeze of state shared revenue, estimated to have reduced City revenue by approximately \$37 million since 1995; and

Whereas, The City must continue to develop long-term financing and budget control strategies to control the growth of property taxes, including:

1. Working creatively with other Milwaukee County taxing jurisdictions to reduce employee health care costs.
2. Pursuing intergovernmental cooperation agreements for city services.
3. Developing cost reduction and efficiency initiatives in the city's value-adding programs and operations.
4. Identifying for elimination non value-adding city programs and operations.
5. Exploring new revenue options and alternatives for financing city services.

; and

Whereas, The Mayor directed city departments to prepare short-term spending reduction and

revenue adjustment plans for 2001; and

Whereas, These plans are designed to help the City improve its financial position by building reserves in part through reversion of funds to the tax stabilization fund pursuant to s.304-29 of the Milwaukee Code, and committing to rapid repayment of borrowing costs; and

Whereas, Furthermore, authorization for 2001 city budget year reductions - the nonexpenditure of funds authorized by the 2001 budget adopted by the Common Council and approved by the Mayor - stems from statutory and charter provisions relating to funds assigned to city departments which have not yet been expended; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, By the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee, that pursuant to s.65.05, Wis. Stats., and s. 18-06, city charter, that 2001 city budget year reductions - the nonexpenditure of funds authorized by the 2001 budget - are authorized as enumerated in Exhibit A which is attached to the file.

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