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### THE CHAIR

Resolution authorizing the issuance and sale of up to \$275,000,000 of Revenue Anticipation Notes, and a purpose for Direct Loan Notes, for the purpose of financing the operating budget of the Milwaukee Public Schools on an interim basis.

This resolution authorizes the City of Milwaukee to issue school revenue anticipation notes (RANs) under Section 67.12(1), Wisconsin Statutes, for the purpose of financing the operating budget of the Milwaukee Public Schools on an interim basis. The resolution pledges revenues payable to the School Operations Fund during the fiscal year to the payment of debt service on the RANs. This resolution authorizes and directs the proper City officers to segregate state general school aid revenues payable to the School Operations Fund in June of 2021 to secure payment of the principal of the RANs at maturity, and pledges surplus revenues in the Debt Service Fund to pay interest on the RANs to maturity. Finally, this resolution authorizes the proper City officers to deposit with the City's Fiscal Agent an amount sufficient together with earnings thereon to pay, when due, the principal of and interest on the RANs.

Whereas, the Milwaukee Public Schools (the "MPS") is a department of the City of Milwaukee (the "City") authorized by Sections 65.05, 119.46, and 119.60(1), (2m)(c) and (5), Wisconsin Statutes, to establish a School Operations Fund, and to determine its expenditures and the taxes to be levied therefor; and,

Whereas, MPS is temporarily in need of funds in the amount not to exceed \$275,000,000 to meet the immediate expenses of operating and maintaining the public instruction in MPS during its fiscal year commencing July 1, 2020 and ending June 30, 2021 (the "Fiscal Year"); and,

Whereas, annually, the Milwaukee Board of School Directors (the "Board") deems it necessary and in the best interest of MPS that funds be borrowed and revenue anticipation notes be issued to fund the temporary operating and maintenance needs of MPS, and requests the City to so issue such notes; and,

Whereas, the City is a municipality authorized by the provision of Section 67.12(1)(a), Wisconsin Statutes, to borrow money in anticipation of revenues for school purposes; and,

Whereas, the City deems it necessary and in the best interest of the City and MPS that funds be borrowed and revenue anticipation notes be issued pursuant to the provisions of Section 67.12(1)(a), Wisconsin Statutes, for the purpose of financing the operating budget of MPS on an interim basis; and,

Whereas, in accordance with Section 67.12(1)(a), Wisconsin Statutes, the total amount borrowed shall not

exceed 60% of MPS's total actual and anticipated receipts in the fiscal year, and shall be repaid no later than 18 months after the first day of the fiscal year; and,

Whereas, the tax for the operations and maintenance of schools of MPS for the Fiscal Year has been voted by the Board to be collected on the next tax roll; and,

Whereas, to the best of the knowledge, information and belief of the Board, MPS complies with the revenue limits set forth in Sections 121.91 and 121.92, Wisconsin Statutes; and,

Whereas, the City may use general obligation debt to temporarily provide revenue anticipation financing, and the City desires to refinance that general obligation debt with revenue anticipation debt.

Now, therefore, be it:

Resolved, by the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee (the "Common Council"), that it hereby and herewith authorizes and declares its purpose to issue school revenue anticipation notes (the "RANs") pursuant to the provisions of Section 67.12(1), Wisconsin Statutes, in an amount not to exceed \$275,000,000; and, be it

Further Resolved, that the RANs shall be sold by the Commissioners of the Public Debt in one or more series, at one or more times, at a true interest cost not to exceed 5.00% at public competitive or private sale, or to the Public Debt Amortization Fund for the purpose of investment and/or cancellation; and, be it

Further Resolved, that the RANs shall be issued no later than March 1, 2021, shall mature on or before December 31, 2021, shall be registered in the name of CEDE & Co. as nominee of The Depository Trust Company, New York, New York, shall bear interest at a rate not to exceed 5.00% per annum, and may be subject to redemption prior to maturity as determined by the Commissioners of the Public Debt; provided however, that the Commissioners of the Public Debt may permit the RANs to be registered as directed by a purchaser; and, be it

Further Resolved, that each series of the RANs shall be designated and have a denomination as determined by the Commissioners of the Public Debt; and, be it

Further Resolved, in accordance with authorization from the Board for the purpose of securing payment of the principal on the RANs, the proper City officers are hereby authorized and directed to segregate within the School Operations Fund state general school aid revenue payments under Section 121.15, Wisconsin Statutes, for the Fiscal Year that are received in June of the Fiscal Year and the following July in the amount of the principal of the RANs; and, be it

Further Resolved, in accordance with authorization from the Board, that the Common Council hereby declares that it irrevocably pledges as security for the repayment of the RANs and interest thereon, revenues of the School Operations Fund attributable to the Fiscal Year which are due MPS, in the Fiscal Year, and not yet paid as of the date of delivery of the RANs, and which are not otherwise pledged and/or applied; and, be it

Further Resolved, that surplus revenues in the Debt Service Fund be and hereby are pledged to the payment, when due, of interest on the RANs, and that the proper City officers be and hereby are authorized and directed to create a separate account in the Debt Service Fund from surplus revenues within the fund in the amount of interest due on the RANs to maturity; and, be it

Further Resolved, that the Comptroller is authorized to select a Fiscal Agent, and the proper City officers be and hereby are authorized to execute an agreement with the Fiscal Agent with respect to the RANs issued pursuant to this resolution (the "Agreement"); and, be it

Further Resolved, that should the RANs mature on or before the end of the Fiscal Year as determined by the Commissioners of the Public Debt, City officers may determine whether it is desirable to have a Fiscal Agent to make the payment on the RANs. If it is determined that a Fiscal Agent is not desirable, the City officers need not execute the Agreement, and are directed to pay directly, when due, the principal of and interest on the RANs; and, be it

Further Resolved, that if an Agreement is executed, the proper City officers be and hereby are authorized and directed to deposit with the City's Fiscal Agent on or before the end of the Fiscal Year direct obligations of the U.S. Government, or pledged revenues to purchase direct obligations of the U.S. Government, in an amount sufficient together with earnings thereon to pay, when due, the principal of and interest on the RANs to maturity; and, be it

Further Resolved, that the RANs shall not constitute an indebtedness for purposes of determining the City's constitutional debt limitation, and no additional tax shall be levied to pay the RANs; and, be it

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(A) if the City shall pay or cause to be paid to the registered owners of the RANs, the principal and interest due or to become due thereon, at the times and in the manner stipulated therein, then the pledge of revenues, securities and funds pledged for the payment of the RANs and the covenants, agreements and other obligations of the City to the registered owners and the beneficial owners of the RANs shall be discharged and satisfied.

(B) Any RANs or interest installments appertaining thereto, whether at or prior to the maturity date of such RANs, shall be deemed to have been paid within the meaning of paragraph (A) if there shall have been deposited in trust with the Fiscal Agent acting as fiduciary for such purpose either (i) moneys in an amount which shall be sufficient, or (ii) "Federal Obligations" as defined in paragraph (C), the principal of and the interest on which, when due, will provide moneys that, together with any moneys on deposit with such fiduciary at the same time for such purpose, shall be sufficient, to pay when due the principal of and interest due and to become due on said RANs on and prior to the maturity date thereof.

(C) The term "Federal Obligations" means (i) non-callable, direct obligations of the United States of America or (ii) non-callable and non-prepayable, direct obligations of any agency of the United States of America, which are unconditionally guaranteed by the United States of America as to full and timely payment of principal and interest; and, be it

Further Resolved, that the City covenants to take all actions necessary to preserve the exemption of interest on the RANs from federal income taxation. No use of the proceeds of the sale of the RANs shall be made which, if such use had been reasonably expected on the date of issue of the RANs, would have caused such RANs to be "arbitrage bonds" as defined in Subsection (d)(2) of Section 103 and Section 148 of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code of 1986. The City shall comply with the requirements of Sections 141 through 150 of the Internal Revenue Code and the applicable regulations of the Internal Revenue Service adopted thereunder throughout the term of the RANs. The provisions of this section shall be a covenant with the purchasers of the RANs; and, be it

Further Resolved, that the Continuing Disclosure Certificate, in substantially the form of the Supplemental

Certificate authorized by File Number 181110 adopted on December 18, 2018, is authorized to be executed and delivered by the Comptroller for the RANs; and, be it

Further Resolved, that the City authorizes and directs the appropriate officers and employees of the City to take all action necessary or appropriate to comply with and carry out all of the provisions of the Continuing Disclosure Certificate as amended from time to time. Notwithstanding any other provision of the resolution, failure of the City to perform in accordance with the Continuing Disclosure Certificate shall not constitute a default under the resolution and the Continuing Disclosure Certificate may be enforced only as provided therein; and, be it

Further Resolved, that the Comptroller is authorized to prepare and distribute a Preliminary Official Statement and an Official Statement for the sale of the RANs; to deem the Preliminary Official Statement final for purposes of SEC Rule 15c2-12(b)(1); and authorizes the Official Statement and the information contained therein to be used by underwriters of the debt in connection with the sale of the RANs; and be it

Further Resolved, that the City Comptroller be and hereby is authorized and directed to prepare and distribute an official statement in connection with the sale and issuance of the RANs and to execute on behalf of the City all certifications that may be required in connection with the official statement; and, be it

Further Resolved, that up to \$150,000,000 of Direct Loan Note authorized by File Number 180864, adopted on December 28, 2018, may be issued, within the program limitations previously authorized, at the discretion of the Comptroller to provide temporary financing pending the issuance of the RANs. No approval of the Public Debt Commission is required for the issuance of the temporary financing. The amount issued to refund temporary financing for RAN purposes shall not count against the amount of RANs authorized to be issued. For budgetary purposes, the amount of RANs issued to refund the temporary financing shall be considered "refunding purposes."

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