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**AUTHORIZATION TO ESTABLISH DANE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE CULTURAL DIVERSITY DONATION REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNTS**

All across the nation tragic events have brought to the forefront underlying issues about the way law enforcement agencies engage with the communities they are sworn to protect and serve. When effective partnerships between law enforcement and communities are formed crime is reduced and public trust is developed. With current social demands on the police culture in the United States, law enforcement agencies are striving to build public trust and to become more diverse in representing the communities they serve.

The Dane County Sheriff's Office is dedicated to advancing cultural diversity through recruiting, hiring, retaining, and promoting efforts and to build public trust through efforts of the Sheriff's Office Cultural Committee. The Cultural Committee develops and fosters public trust via engagement and outreach with the community through education and volunteering efforts including mentoring 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students at Glacier Edge Elementary School in the Verona area School District, providing care packages to the homeless, sponsoring holiday meals, providing Christmas gifts to needy families, and volunteering at the Sunshine Supper Place in Sun Prairie to provide free and nutritious meals to community members.

The Sheriff's Office requests the creation of donation, revenue and expenditure budget accounts, for the Cultural Committee, to establish the capacity for the Sheriff's Office to accept donations from supporters of cultural diversity. Donations will be used to build trust in the community and assist with the cost of recruiting, hiring, retaining, and promoting a Sheriff's Office, diverse workforce.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Sheriff's Office is hereby authorized to accept financial support from fundraising, donations, and gifts from donors to support cultural diversity hiring, and community volunteering and outreach efforts, for current and future expenses; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a revenue account line is established in Sheriff, Administration Services Division, Friends of Cultural Diversity (SHRFFLD-NEW) to be credited to the General Fund; and

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that an expenditure account is created in Sheriff, Administration Services Division, Friends of Cultural Diversity (SHRFFLD-NEW) whereby expenditures are authorized to the extent revenues are received and any unexpended funds are carried forward to the next fiscal year.