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MILWAUKEE COUNTY TO HOST LEADERS FROM BIALYSTOK, POLAND *Mayor, City Council President to visit Milwaukee as part of Sister Cities relationship*

Milwaukee, WI – Milwaukee County Executive Scott Walker, Board Chairman Lee Holloway and Supervisor Mark Borkowski are pleased to welcome the Mayor of Bialystok, Poland, the Honorable Tadeusz Truskolaski, and other municipal officials, to Milwaukee County on Monday. “Since 1991, the Sister Cities relationship between Milwaukee County and the City of Bialystok has been a point of pride and inspiration for the citizens and elected officials of Milwaukee County. It’s a pleasure to continue this friendship for many years to come,” Chairman Holloway stated.

Joining Mayor Truskolaski are Wlodzimierz Kusak, Chairman of the Bialystok City Council, city staff and representatives from the University of Bialystok. “I am pleased the Mayor and City Council President are visiting,” said County Executive Walker. “We wish them an enjoyable and informative stay in Milwaukee County.” The dignitaries will participate in key meetings with County leaders, the Milwaukee-based Center for International Health, and Milwaukee 7 business group as well as visit a number of locations in Milwaukee County, including The University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, the Polish Community Center and the South Milwaukee Water Treatment Plant.

This Sister Cities agreement encourages visits by elected officials and civic leaders of both communities. Last year, Chairman Holloway and Supervisor Mark Borkowski accepted an invitation to visit Bialystok as a reflection of the reciprocal shared goodwill and diplomacy the two communities have developed. “During this visit next week, we can build upon the already meaningful cultural, health and developmental exchanges between our two municipalities,” Supervisor Borkowski said. “Milwaukee County and its citizens are excited to exercise this longstanding connection with the citizens of Bialystok.”

The relationship between both communities began soon after the people of Poland replaced totalitarian oppression with a democratic form of government. This courageous step is greatly admired in the United States. Since that time, Milwaukee County has worked together with Bialystok on a number of initiatives, including establishing the Milwaukee County-Poland Municipal Training Program in Milwaukee to benefit local government officials throughout Poland.

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