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JOSEPH J. CZARNEZKI • COUNTY CLERK

MEMO

DATE: March 19, 2014
TO: The Honorable County Board of Supervisors
FROM: Joseph J. Czarnezki, County Clerk
SUBJECT: Vetoed File Returned

The County Executive has returned to my office the following file:

File No. 14-111 – A resolution in support of federal and state legislation to raise and index the minimum wage.

This resolution was adopted by a vote of 13 ayes – 5 noes at your meeting of February 6, 2014.

The County Executive has vetoed this resolution and attached is a copy of his veto message wherein he states his objection.

This matter is now before your honorable body.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joseph J. Czarnezki".

Joseph J. Czarnezki, County Clerk



OFFICE OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Chris Abele

MILWAUKEE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

DATE: March 19, 2014

TO: The Honorable Milwaukee Board of Supervisors

FROM: Chris Abele, Milwaukee County Executive

RE: Veto of County Board File No. 14-111 on issue related to minimum wage

I am vetoing County Board File No. 14-111 pursuant to the authority granted to me by Article IV, Section 23(a) of the Wisconsin Constitution and Section 59.17(6) of the Wisconsin Statutes.

The County Board adopted an amended resolution on February 6, 2013 that added the language, "Be it further resolved, that, in addition to raising the minimum wage at the state and federal level, Milwaukee County supports Wis. Stats. Chapter 104 Minimum Wage law which permits Milwaukee County and other local units of government to enact a living wage ordinance in the absence of action by the state and federal governments."

This language was added, without any communication with me or my government affairs staff, to a resolution I sent down to the Board to establish a County position that favors increasing the minimum wage at the state and federal level. One Supervisor opined on the Board floor that this amendment looked like it was meant to be some sort of poison pill. If Supervisors were interested in amending my resolution, I would have welcomed this discussion.

As I have stated many times, I continue to be in full support of raising the minimum wage at the state or federal level.

I ask that Supervisors sustain this veto.