

3 **A RESOLUTION**

4 To develop a Voter Registration Program (the "Program") that allows Milwaukee
5 County residents to register to vote at locations where they apply for, renew or update
6 information for the receipt of social services from Milwaukee County in order to expand
7 access to voter registration for all citizens of Milwaukee County.

8 WHEREAS, this legislation will provide Milwaukee County residents with an
9 accessible and convenient opportunity to register to vote for state and local elections and
10 maintain their voter registration; and

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12 WHEREAS, this Program requires that Milwaukee County provide forms and
13 assistance for voter registration when a qualifying voter applies for or renews social
14 services or updates address information related to those services; and

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16 WHEREAS, this Program -requires that Milwaukee County provide voter registration
17 forms at its offices that provide public assistance and state-funded programming, such as
18 food share, disability services, housing assistance, child support, and veteran services; and

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20 WHEREAS, this Program requires that Milwaukee County provide each applicant for
21 new social services or renewal of those services, as well as recipients who provide updated
22 address information, with a voter registration or declination form and assistance in
23 completion of the form as provided by law; and

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25 WHEREAS, this Program also creates requirements for Milwaukee County to
26 forward completed application forms to the appropriate local election officials and provide
27 timely notification in conjunction with the Milwaukee County Election Commission to
28 voter registration applicants regarding whether their applications are accepted or rejected;
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31 WHEREAS, this Program requires that Milwaukee County institute safeguards to
32 ensure uniformity and non-discriminatory practices in its initiation and that its
33 implementation occur at least 90 days before the next state or local election; now,
34 therefore,

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36 BE IT RESOLVED, that the Milwaukee County Board supports the establishment of a
37 Voter Registration Program to provide additional opportunities for its citizens to become
38 registered to vote; and

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40 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Program shall provide voter registration forms
41 and assistance to qualifying voters who are applying for or renewing social services
42 provided by Milwaukee County; and

43 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Program shall include an automated text
44 messaging feature where voters can receive text alerts prior to, and on, election days in
45 Milwaukee County; and

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47 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Office of Corporation Counsel shall develop a
48 recommended ordinance and related procedures to formally implement the Program, to be
49 considered by the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors as soon as practicable.