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5 **AN AMENDED RESOLUTION**

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7 Supporting 2023 Wisconsin State Assembly Bill 822 by the Wisconsin State
8 Legislature creating statutes for recipients of the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals
9 program to receive credentials to practice certain occupations upon eligibility

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11 WHEREAS, Milwaukee County aims to become the healthiest county in
12 Wisconsin by achieving racial equity; and

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14 WHEREAS, Milwaukee County supports workers of all races and ethnicities to
15 help foster an inclusive community; and

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17 WHEREAS, according to the United States Census Bureau, people of color
18 represent almost half of Milwaukee County's population in 2023; and

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20 WHEREAS, in 2012, President Obama introduced the Deferred Action for
21 Childhood Arrivals (DACA) policy which allows certain individuals with unlawful
22 presence in the United States to obtain a work permit or an authorization for
23 employment document; and

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25 WHEREAS, the DACA program grants two-year stays and work permits to
26 undocumented immigrants brought to the U.S. before their 16th birthday who have
27 attended school or joined the military and have not committed any serious crimes; and

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29 WHEREAS, marginalized communities of color in Milwaukee County who qualify
30 for DACA contribute to the local economy by joining the workforce and generating
31 income; and

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33 WHEREAS, Milwaukee County supported DACA recipients in the past through
34 legislation that opposed a policy in 2017 that would rescind the DACA program (File No.
35 17-656); and

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37 WHEREAS, federal law prohibits most noncitizens from receiving any
38 professional or commercial license provided by any state or local agency; and

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40 WHEREAS, however, federal law permits state governments to allow eligibility
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WHEREAS, on February 22, 2024, the Wisconsin State Assembly adjourned for the 2023-2024 legislative session without taking action on AB 822; and

WHEREAS, Milwaukee County residents protected by statutes for work eligibility would allow for further career steps and employment opportunities, thereby growing and supporting the County's economy; and

WHEREAS, the Committee on Intergovernmental Relations, at its special meeting of March 18, 2024, recommended adoption of File No. 24-327 as amended (vote 3-0); now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors ~~hereby~~ supports 2023 Wisconsin State Assembly Bill 822 (AB 822), **despite final action not being taken on the bill by the State Legislature, that would** ~~to~~ authorize recipients of the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (**DACA**) program to receive credentials to practice certain occupations upon eligibility; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors supports the reintroduction of legislation in future legislative sessions that would allow recipients of the DACA program to receive credentials to practice certain occupations upon eligibility; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Office of Government Affairs staff is authorized and requested to communicate the contents of this resolution to State policymakers and support adoption of legislation as outlined in this resolution.

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