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6 **A RESOLUTION**
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8 Urging state lawmakers to support the "Keep Families Together" bill package to protect
9 immigrants in Wisconsin
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12 WHEREAS, Milwaukee County is committed to keeping all residents safe and
13 supported, valuing the contributions of immigrant communities even in the face of
14 federal policies that threaten families and foster fear; and
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16 WHEREAS, representatives in the Wisconsin legislature have introduced the
17 "Keep Families Together" bill package, which includes five bills that protect immigrants
18 in Wisconsin by:
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- 20 • Requiring law enforcement officers and agents to clearly identify themselves
21 – including name, badger number, authority for the arrest, and an uncovered
22 face – when detaining or arresting an individual
- 23 • Requiring Wisconsin's Department of Administration to award grants to
24 Wisconsin-based organizations with a proven record of providing immigration-
25 related civil legal services, while also allowing counties to fund organizations
26 that provide civil legal services
- 27 • Prohibiting state and local entities from allowing their facilities or funds to be
28 used for detaining individuals solely based on immigration status or for
29 establishing or operating immigrant detention facilities in Wisconsin
- 30 • Prohibiting state and local officials from aiding detentions based solely on
31 immigration status and banning all state or local participation in 287(g)
32 immigration enforcement agreements
- 33 • Prohibiting state and local officials from aiding or funding immigration-based
34 detentions in public buildings, schools, places of worship, child care, or health
35 care facilities
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39 WHEREAS, the "Keep Families Together" bill package, includes Legislative
40 Reference Bureau (LRB) 25-4042, 25-4207, 25-4475, 25-4415 (drafts not yet formally
41 introduced and assigned a bill number) and Assembly Bill (AB) 25-57; and
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43 WHEREAS, all Milwaukee County residents, regardless of citizenship or
44 immigration status, are entitled to due process of law and equal protection under the
45 Fourteenth Amendment of the United States Constitution; and
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47 WHEREAS, the Committee on Intergovernmental Relations, at its meeting of
48 December 1, 2025, recommended adoption of File No. 25-783 (vote 3-0); now,
49 therefore,
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51 BE IT RESOLVED, Milwaukee County affirms its dedication to prioritizing
52 keeping families together and remaining a safe place for immigrants who contribute to
53 the richness and vibrancy of the community; and
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55 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors
56 urges the Wisconsin State Legislature to support the “Keep Families Together” bill
57 package; and
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59 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Milwaukee County Office of Government
60 Affairs is authorized and requested to communicate the contents of this resolution to the
61 Governor, members of the Wisconsin State Legislature and the Wisconsin Counties
62 Association to promote the “Keep Families Together” bill package.
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