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A resolution by Supervisor Taylor (2), advocating for increased Federal funding to invest in early childhood development and seeking options to improve coordination between Milwaukee County-run programs and pre-schools, by recommending adoption of the following:

**A RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, scientific evidence shows that from birth to age five children experience dramatic development in their cognitive, emotional, social, regulatory, and moral capacities, which forms the foundation for future development; and

WHEREAS, investment in early childhood development is essential with numerous studies showing early intervention programs lead to higher graduation rates, increased employment, reduced reliance on public assistance, lower educational costs, and less involvement in the criminal justice system; and

WHEREAS, one longitudinal study, the HighScope Perry Preschool Study, showed that adults at age 40 who were born into poverty but attended a high-quality preschool program had higher earnings, committed fewer crimes, were more likely to have graduated from high school, and were more likely to be employed when compared to adults that did not receive a preschool education; and

WHEREAS, the benefits of early childhood development programs provide immediate and long-term tangible benefits to the child as well as to the community; and

WHEREAS, for example, the benefit of a half-day preschool program for low income children resulted in benefits of \$7.10 for every dollar invested based on increased earning capacity, tax revenues, reduced spending on remedial education, and reduced criminal justice costs, according to a longitudinal study conducted by the Chicago Child-Parent Center Program; and

WHEREAS, in 2015, according to the National Center for Education Statistics, despite the benefits of preschool education, only 51 percent of three and four-year olds in the United States (U.S) were enrolled in full-day preschool programs, a number that has remained nearly static for the past 15 years; and

WHEREAS, Federal, state, and local government recognize the importance of early childhood development as evidenced by investments in programs like Head Start, a program of the United States Department of Health and Human Services that provides early childhood education, nutrition, and parent services to low-income children, and Early Head Start that serves pregnant women, infants, and toddlers to age three, as well as child care programs, early intervention programs, home visitation, child wellness, and more; and

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WHEREAS, the science on the importance of early childhood development is incontrovertible and the individual and societal benefits are numerous, as such increased investments in early childhood development and increased coordination between preschool programs and county run programs is essential; and

WHEREAS, the Committee on Health and Human Needs, at its meeting of January 24, 2018, recommended adoption of File No. 18-104 (vote 4-0); now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, Milwaukee County (the County) supports increasing Federal investments in early childhood development, including home visitation, child wellness, Head Start, Early Head Start, and high-quality preschools; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Interim Director, Department of Health and Human Services, shall provide a report to the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors on current County run programs that coordinate with pre-school programs and options to improve coordination between the County and preschools as soon as practicable; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the County supports the existing Head Start funding delivery structure, under which Federal government directly delivers funding to local levels of government, and opposes any efforts to alter that current funding structure; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, upon adoption, the Office of Government Affairs is authorized and requested to deliver a copy of this resolution to the President of the United States, all members of Wisconsin's Congressional Delegation, and the heads of all appropriate Federal agencies.

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