

1 By Supervisor Rainey

2 **A RESOLUTION**

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4 to develop a Minority Impact Statement Ordinance for all Milwaukee County
5 resolutions, contracts and grants greater than \$300,000
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8 WHEREAS, Minority Impact Statement ordinances have been established in
9 Iowa and Connecticut; and
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11 WHEREAS, Milwaukee County is the largest populated and most ethnically
12 diverse county in the State; and
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14 WHEREAS, the Census Bureau in 2011 indicates that 41 percent of African
15 Americans and 35 percent of Latinos living in Milwaukee are impoverished; and
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17 WHEREAS, Forbes Magazine March 2011 edition listed Milwaukee Metropolitan
18 Area as 52nd among 52 cities in the United States for Minority Entrepreneurship; and
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20 WHEREAS, the April 2010 U.S. Census Bureau decennial count found that 1 in
21 8 African American working age men are in the State prison system, accounting for a
22 12.8 percent of incarceration rate, while the national average is 6.7 percent or 1 in 15;
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25 WHEREAS, 15.2 percent, or 127,930 of the Milwaukee County population has
26 some type of disability according to Disability Planning Data.com; and
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28 WHEREAS, a recent study by Olson & Associates titled "The Face of Aging in
29 Milwaukee County" estimates that 16.9 percent of the population in Milwaukee County
30 is 60 or older with;
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32 WHEREAS, minorities age 65 or older are more likely to live in poverty, which
33 includes the following rates: Blacks/African American 20.1 percent, American
34 Indian/Alaskan 25.0 percent, Hispanics/Latinos 19.4 percent, Pacific Islander 26.3
35 percent; although the rate for Caucasians is only 6.7 percent; and
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37 WHEREAS, the April 2010 U.S. Census Bureau decennial count found that 1 in
38 7 Native American men of working age men are in the State prison system, accounting
39 for a 7.6 percent incarceration rate, while the national average is 6.7 percent or 1 in 15;
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41 WHEREAS, the development of a minority impact statement process would
42 ensure that at-risk minority populations are carefully considered when expending
43 taxpayer resources; now, therefore,
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45 BE IT RESOLVED, that the County Board supports the requirement that all
46 resolutions, grants and contracts with a fiscal impact greater than \$300,000 include a
47 completed Minority Impact Statement prior to Milwaukee County Board approval; and
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49 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the minority impact statement shall explain
50 qualitative and quantitatively the positive and/or negative impact the legislation, grant or
51 contract may have on the following groups:
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- 53 • Women
- 54 • African-American and Blacks,
- 55 • Hispanics/Latinos
- 56 • Asian and Pacific Islanders
- 57 • Native Americans and Alaskan Natives
- 58 • Elderly, over 65
- 59 • Disabled

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63 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Director of the Office of Community
64 Business Development Partners, working in conjunction with the Corporation Counsel,
65 shall develop a recommended ordinance and related procedures to formally implement
66 the aforementioned minority impact statement requirement for consideration by the
67 County Board no later than the March 2014 meeting cycle.