

1 Supervisor Peggy Romo West, Chairperson,
2 From the Committee on Health and Human Needs, reporting on:

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4 File No. 15-788

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6 (ITEM) A resolution by Supervisors Romo West, Mayo, Sr., Dimitrijevic, and
7 Moore Omokunde to create a Joint Task Force on Community Identification Cards
8 between Milwaukee County and the City of Milwaukee to review and make
9 recommendations relating to the process of creating and issuing community
10 identification cards, by recommending adoption of the following:

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12 **A RESOLUTION**

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14 WHEREAS, cities and counties across the nation are investing in local
15 community identification (ID) programs in an effort to promote community unity and to
16 safeguard the health, safety, and welfare of all community members; and

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18 WHEREAS, the possession of an official ID can grant marginalized communities
19 access to basic necessities that others take for granted such as the ability to report a
20 crime, open a bank account, sign-up for a senior meal site, pick up medication or a
21 package at the post office, report labor and housing law violations, serve as ID to law
22 enforcement, enjoy a Milwaukee County (County) free-day or discount at a local
23 attraction, or visit a loved one in the hospital; and

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25 WHEREAS, many County residents face barriers to obtaining state ID and could
26 benefit from a community ID card, including the homeless, youth in the foster care
27 system, low-income elderly, individuals with mental illness, immigrants, individuals with
28 disabilities, children and students, survivors of domestic violence, transgendered
29 individuals, and formerly incarcerated individuals re-entering the community; and

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31 WHEREAS, a community ID card can bring a community together by providing
32 meaningful benefits and promoting local businesses and cultural attractions; and

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34 WHEREAS, the 2016 Adopted Budget includes \$150,000 in an allocated
35 contingency account in the Office of Government Affairs to be used for the community
36 ID program contingent upon both the City of Milwaukee (the City) providing matching
37 funds and the County's acceptance of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)
38 between the County and the City regarding the community ID card; and

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40 WHEREAS, the City included \$150,000 in its 2016 Adopted Budget for the
41 community ID program and also passed legislation establishing a Joint Task Force on
42 Community Identification Cards that is tasked with creating the MOU; and

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44 WHEREAS, as part of this joint effort, the County needs to establish the Joint
45 Task Force on Community ID Cards to create the MOU between the County and the
46 City regarding the community ID program; and

47 WHEREAS, to promote an inclusive community, improve access for all
48 residents, and to safeguard the health, safety, and welfare of all County residents, a
49 community ID card is needed; and

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51 WHEREAS, the Committee on Health and Human Needs, at its meeting of
52 December 9, 2015, recommended adoption of this resolution (vote 6-0); now, therefore,

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54 BE IT RESOLVED, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors (County Board),
55 in conjunction with the City of Milwaukee (the City) will create a Joint Task Force on
56 Community Identification (ID) Cards; and

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58 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Joint Task Force will consist of seven
59 members; four members authorized in a manner prescribed by the City, and three
60 members as appointed by the Chairman of the County Board; and

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62 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Chairman of the County Board will appoint a
63 co-chair from among the members of the Joint Task Force, and the Common Council
64 President shall appoint the other co-chair; and

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66 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Joint Task Force's directive is to create a
67 Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on the City and County level that establishes
68 the framework for the creation and issuance of community ID cards to include: cost-
69 sharing principles, general ID information, ID creation and distribution practices,
70 application requirements, and Joint Task Force procedures and policies; and

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72 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Joint Task Force will take steps to implement
73 meaningful benefits by exploring partnerships and coalitions, as well as services and
74 benefits the card can offer, thereby increasing the cards' use and acceptance; and

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76 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Joint Task Force will study the feasibility of
77 consolidating many of the City and County passes and cards into one uniform
78 community ID card; and

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80 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Joint Task Force will explore the cost saving
81 benefits of employing a Third-Party Administrator to create and distribute the card; and

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83 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Joint Task Force will work to ensure the
84 program has the highest level of built-in privacy and security measures to ensure public
85 safety and prevent counterfeit reproduction; and

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87 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the findings and recommendations of the Joint
88 Task Force shall address current challenges to public safety and lawful commerce by
89 those without proper identification; and

90 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, County funds shall not be expended prior to joint
91 acceptance of the Memorandum of Understanding by the County and the City; and

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93 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Office of the County Clerk, Corporation
94 Counsel, the Office of Government Affairs, and any other appropriate departments are
95 requested to provide staff as necessary to support and assist the Joint Task Force; and

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97 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Joint Task Force shall be dissolved upon the
98 submission of a report on its findings, recommendations, and a Memorandum of
99 Understanding to the Common Council and the Board.

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