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A resolution by Supervisors Taylor (9) and Lipscomb, Sr., requesting and urging the Governor of the State of Wisconsin to allow adequate time for a local agreement, rather than the Milwaukee County Executive’s request to “return the designation of Milwaukee County as a local workforce investment area and the County Executive as the Chief Elected Official,” as the request is contrary to law set forth in the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act, by recommending adoption of the following:

A RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, in 1998, pursuant to the Federal Workforce Investment Act (WIA), the Private Industry Council (PIC) was designated as the Workforce Development Board for Milwaukee County (the County), serving as a federally funded workforce development agency, operating under the authority and oversight of the County; and

WHEREAS, in 2007, former Wisconsin State Governor James Doyle designated the City of Milwaukee as the new authority for PIC, invoking Section 116(a)(2)(A) of the WIA, which allowed local governments with a population of 500,000 or more to automatically be designated by the Governor as workforce development areas; and

WHEREAS, subsequently with transfer of authority, the Milwaukee Area Workforce Investment Board (MAWIB) was created, replacing the PIC, and the workforce development area was renamed as Workforce Development Area (WDA) 2, continuing to incorporate all of the County; and

WHEREAS, the MAWIB is now known as Employ Milwaukee, serving as the local grant sub-recipient and administrative entity for WDA 2, which implements job training and employment programs throughout the County; and

WHEREAS, in 2015, the Federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) went into effect, superseding the WIA; and

WHEREAS, on April 28, 2017, the Milwaukee County Executive sent a letter to Wisconsin State Governor Scott Walker requesting the Governor to “return the designation of Milwaukee County as a local workforce investment area and the County Executive as the Chief Elected Official;” and

WHEREAS, the County Executive’s request to the Governor disregards requirements under the WIOA, 29 United States Code § 3122(c)(1)(B), which states that when there is more than one chief elected official in a WDA, the chief elected officials are to specify their respective duties in an agreement, and only if this attempt to reach an agreement fails after a reasonable effort, does the Governor have the responsibility for selecting board members; and

46 WHEREAS, the County Executive has not communicated with the Milwaukee
47 County Board of Supervisors, leaving out the legislative branch of government; and
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49 WHEREAS, to foster communication amongst the County Executive and the
50 Mayor of the City of Milwaukee, and to ensure that shared governance is discussed and
51 implemented locally; and
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53 WHEREAS, the Committee on Economic and Community Development, at its
54 special meeting of June 1, 2017, recommended adoption of File No. 17-459 (vote 4-0);
55 now, therefore,
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57 BE IT RESOLVED, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors (County Board)
58 requests and urges the Governor of the State of Wisconsin to allow adequate time for a
59 local agreement, rather than the Milwaukee County Executive's request to "return the
60 designation of Milwaukee County (the County) as a local workforce investment area
61 and the County Executive as the Chief Elected Official," as the request is contrary to
62 law set forth in the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act; and
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64 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the County Board requests and urges the County
65 Executive to respond to the City of Milwaukee's Mayor's invitation to negotiate a
66 consortium agreement under the Federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act, 29
67 United States Code § 3122(c)(1)(B); and
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69 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the County Board should be included among the
70 appointing entities in any consortium agreement, with authority over approximately half
71 of any seats allocated to the County; and
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73 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Government Affairs Staff is requested to
74 communicate the contents of this resolution to the Governor, the Mayor of the City of
75 Milwaukee, and other relevant stakeholders.
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