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(ITEM) A resolution by Supervisors Rainey, Bowen, Mayo, Sr., Johnson, Jr., Haas, and Dimitrijevic providing transit services to the Wisconsin Department of Motor Vehicles for citizens to obtain photo identification for voter registration/voting purposes, by recommending adoption of the following:

A RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, in 2011 the State of Wisconsin passed Act 23 which requires eligible voters to present government-issued photo identification to election officials at the polls before they vote; and

WHEREAS, after several legal challenges, the United States (US) District Court for the Eastern District of Wisconsin ruled in April 2014, that Act 23 violated the 14th Amendment of the Constitution as well as the Voting Rights Act; and

WHEREAS, the State of Wisconsin filed an appeal with the US Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit (Seventh Circuit) following the District Court's ruling; and

WHEREAS, on September 12, 2014, the Seventh Circuit ruled to re-instate Act 23 thus requiring Wisconsin voters to present identification for the November 4, 2014, election; and

WHEREAS, the American Civil Liberties Union estimates that 300,000 voters in Wisconsin do not have proper identification; and

WHEREAS, an individual without valid government-issued identification must present proper documentation at a Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV) service location to receive a State identification card or driver license; and

WHEREAS, one of the barriers to acquiring a valid government-issued identification card is obtaining affordable transportation to a DMV service location; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors hereby supports and authorizes the Director, Department of Transportation, to work with Milwaukee Transport Services, Inc., and the Wisconsin Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV) to develop the most feasible means to transport, without charge, Milwaukee County residents in need of a government-issued photo identification for voting purposes to DMV service locations.