

(ITEM) A resolution by Supervisors Rainey, Broderick, Johnson, Jr., and Stamper II to develop a Minority Impact Statement Ordinance for all Milwaukee County resolutions, contracts, and grants greater than \$300,000, by recommending adoption of the following:

A RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, minority impact statement ordinances have been established in Iowa and Connecticut; and

WHEREAS, Milwaukee County is the largest populated and most ethnically diverse county in the State of Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS, the Census Bureau in 2011 indicated that 41 percent of African Americans and 35 percent of Latinos living in Milwaukee are impoverished; and

WHEREAS, Forbes Magazine's March 2011 edition listed the Milwaukee Metropolitan Area as 52nd among 52 cities in the United States for minority entrepreneurship; and

WHEREAS, the United States Census Bureau's April 2010 decennial count found that 1 in 8 African American working age men are in the State prison system, accounting for a 12.8 percent incarceration rate, while the national average is 6.7 percent or 1 in 15; and

WHEREAS, 15.2 percent of the Milwaukee County population ages 5 and greater, equivalent to 127,930 people, has some type of disability according to Disability Planning Data.com; and

WHEREAS, a recent study by Olson & Associates titled "The Face of Aging in Milwaukee County" estimates that 16.9 percent of the population in Milwaukee County is 60 years of age or older; and

WHEREAS, minorities of age 65 years or older are more likely to live in poverty, which includes the following rates: Blacks/African Americans 20.1 percent, American Indians/Alaskans 25.0 percent, Hispanics/Latinos 19.4 percent, Pacific Islanders 26.3 percent; although the rate for Caucasians is only 6.7 percent; and

WHEREAS, the United States Census Bureau's April 2010 decennial count found that 1 in 7 Native American men of working age are in the State prison system, accounting for a 14.3 percent incarceration rate, while the national average is 6.7 percent or 1 in 15; and

WHEREAS, the development of a minority impact statement process would ensure that at-risk minority populations are carefully considered when expending taxpayer resources; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the County Board supports the requirement that all resolutions, grants, and contracts with a fiscal impact greater than \$300,000 include a completed minority impact statement prior to Milwaukee County Board approval; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the minority impact statement shall explain qualitatively and quantitatively the positive and/or negative impact the legislation, grant, or contract may have on the following groups:

- Women
- African Americans and Blacks
- Hispanics/Latinos
- Asian and Pacific Islanders
- Native Americans and Alaskan Natives
- Elderly, of more than 65 years of age
- Disabled

; and

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

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