

2
3
4 **A SUBSTITUTE RESOLUTION**

5
6 Opposing discrimination in all its forms and affirming Milwaukee County’s commitment
7 to value all people equally regardless of race, sex, class, religion, sexual orientation,
8 gender identity and expression, disability, age, ancestry or nationality, ethnicity, political
9 or religious affiliation, or creed
10

11
12 WHEREAS, on January 20, 2017, Donald Trump was inaugurated as the 45th
13 President of the United States; and
14

15 WHEREAS, President Trump has made numerous deplorable statements that
16 devalue racial and religious minorities, demean women, dishonor our armed forces,
17 ignore science, threaten foreign relations, and disregard the United States Constitution;
18 and
19

20 WHEREAS, President Trump on January 25th issued Executive Orders in regard
21 to refugee and immigrant matters, that will suspend the entire U.S. refugee resettlement
22 program for 120 days, ban the arrival of Syrian refugees indefinitely, suspend travel
23 from certain majority Muslim countries, and slash overall refugee admissions by at least
24 50 percent; and
25

26 WHEREAS, President Trump’s January 25th Executive Order lays the foundation
27 of a mass deportation program through new immigration enforcement priorities that
28 make all undocumented immigrants priorities for removal; and
29

30 WHEREAS, President Trump’s January 25th Executive Order on immigration
31 intends to engage “local officials, for the purpose of preparing to enter into agreements
32 under section 287(g) in order “to authorize state and local law enforcement officials, to
33 perform the functions of immigration;” and
34

35 WHEREAS, additionally the 287(g) program, which allows Immigrations and
36 Customs Enforcement (ICE) to delegate immigration enforcement to partners in state
37 and local agencies, has also been found to create “discriminatory policing practices” by
38 the Federal Justice Department; and
39

40 WHEREAS, President Trump has stated his intention to revive the Secure
41 Communities Program (SCP) which was designed to dramatically increase the
42 involvement of local law enforcement officials in immigration enforcement, diverting
43 local resources and creating fear of law enforcement, to the detriment of public safety;
44 and

45 WHEREAS, SCP faced strong criticism for allowing officers to racially profile
46 minorities, was found to violate Fourth Amendment rights by a federal judge, and
47 needlessly broke up families by transferring people to ICE, regardless of their innocence
48 or conviction for any crime; and

49
50 WHEREAS, following federal court orders declaring ICE detainer requests
51 unconstitutional under the 4th Amendment, hundreds of cities and counties mandated
52 that their local law enforcement agencies only cooperate with ICE detainer or
53 notification requests if the request was accompanied by a judge's warrant; and

54
55 WHEREAS, President Trump's sweeping new immigration enforcement priorities
56 make millions of people a priority for removal based solely on the judgment of a low-
57 level Immigration Officer, violating people's constitutional rights to due process and a
58 fair trial; as well as people who have committed a minor crime such as driving without a
59 license or speeding, no matter if the offense was decades ago, and regardless of the
60 person's ties to family and community; and

61
62 WHEREAS, in 2012 the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors approved a
63 policy, File No. 12-135, that specified when ICE detainer requests would be honored,
64 emphasizing that people who do not represent a threat to public safety should not be
65 targeted, and requested that the Office of the Sheriff abide by the policy; now, therefore,

66
67 BE IT RESOLVED, that no matter the threats made by President Trump,
68 Milwaukee County will prioritize keeping families together and will remain a safe place
69 for immigrants who contribute to the richness and vibrancy of the community; and

70
71 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Milwaukee County will continue to work for
72 the realization of women's rights, whether in healthcare, the workplace, or any other
73 area; and

74
75 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Milwaukee County will ensure young girls
76 grow up with role models to show them that opportunities abound and their potential is
77 unlimited; and

78
79 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Milwaukee County banned discrimination
80 based on gender identity in 2014, issued the first same-sex marriage licenses in
81 Wisconsin, and continues to work toward equal rights for all Milwaukee County
82 residents; and

83
84 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that to all LGBTQ people in Milwaukee County
85 and across the United States, who feel scared, bullied, or alone: Milwaukee County will
86 never stop fighting for you and your rights; and

87
88 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Milwaukee County believes in this nation's
founding principle of religious freedom, the county will not ban people for their faith; and

89 declares support for refugee families who have built their lives in Milwaukee County and
90 now cannot be reunited with loved ones, and condemn the arbitrary and discriminatory
91 changes to refugee policy that go against our nation's principles; and
92

93 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Black Lives Matter in Milwaukee County,
94 even if they may not in Trump's White House; and
95

96 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Milwaukee County, guided by President
97 Obama's Task Force on 21st Century Policing, will continue to advocate for reforms in
98 local law enforcement and work to rebuild trust between police and communities of color
99 so all citizens feel safe in their neighborhoods; and
100

101 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that climate change is not a hoax, and in this
102 county, with its Emerald Necklace of parks, parkways, and urban waterways, and
103 bordered by the beautiful shores of Lake Michigan, science matters, and the county will
104 continue our work to protect its natural resources for future generations; and
105

106 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Milwaukee County reaffirms its commitment
107 in the 2017 Adopted Milwaukee County Budget by offering a sustainable Growing
108 Opportunities (GO) Pass, which increases the independence of older adults and people
109 with disabilities, as well as modernizing transit with projects such as Bus Rapid Transit;
110 and
111

112 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Milwaukee County is the driving economic
113 engine of Wisconsin and we will not be bullied by threats to revoke our federal funding,
114 nor will we sacrifice our values or members of our community for federal dollars; and
115

116 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Milwaukee County condemns all hate crimes
117 and hate speech perpetrated in this election's wake; and
118

119 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Board urges the United States
120 Department of Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) to add courts to its
121 sensitive locations policies, and encourages the Chief Judge of Milwaukee County to
122 request that ICE agents not carry out enforcement actions in or around courthouse
123 grounds; and
124

125 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Board opposes the use of Section
126 287(g) Immigration and Nationality Act (INA) agreements, and urges the Office of the
127 Sheriff to refuse to enter into Section 287(g) agreements with ICE; and

128 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the policy adopted by the Milwaukee County
129 Board of Supervisors in 2012 regarding detainer requests from ICE remains in full

130 effect, and confirms that Milwaukee County will not honor detainer requests that are not
131 accompanied by a federal judge's court order or warrant; and

132

133 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that upon adoption, the Milwaukee County Office
134 of Government Affairs is authorized and requested to deliver a copy of this resolution to
135 the Milwaukee County Sheriff, the Milwaukee County Chief Judge, the U.S. Department
136 of Immigration and Customs Enforcement, the Milwaukee County Congressional
137 Delegation, and the President of the United States.