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**ALD. RAINEY, JOHNSON**

Resolution directing the Department of Administration - Intergovernmental Relations Division to seek introduction and passage of Federal legislation through the Department of Housing and Urban Development to allow housing authorities to create voter registration programs for their residents. This resolution directs the Department of Administration - Intergovernmental Relations Division to seek introduction and passage of Federal legislation through the Department of Housing and Urban Development to allow housing authorities to create voter registration programs for their residents.

Whereas, The greatest barrier to free, fair, accessible, and open elections is the nation’s patchwork voter registration system; and

Whereas, Voter registration laws in the United States are historically rooted in efforts to obstruct voter participation by minorities, women, poor people, and foreign-born citizens; and

Whereas, Some states have adopted voter modernization laws to simplify access and increase voter participation in an effort to overcome that history and eliminate obstacles to accessing this fundamental right; and

Whereas, Wisconsin’s current legislators and the Governor enacted a law prohibiting the successful practice of manual voter registration drives within the community by Special Registration Deputies; and

Whereas, Manual voter registration is a crucial part of the electoral process in Wisconsin; and

Whereas, Residents of federally-subsidized housing are among those most impacted by voter registration restrictions; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, By the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee, that the Department of Administration - Intergovernmental Relations Division is directed to seek introduction and passage of Federal legislation through the Department of Housing and Urban Development to allow housing authorities to create voter registration programs for their residents; and, be it

Further Resolved, That the City Clerk shall forward a copy of this resolution to each member of Wisconsin's Congressional delegation.

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