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Resolution endorsing the League of Wisconsin Municipalities' "Partnership for Prosperity: An Agenda for a Competitive 21<sup>st</sup> Century Wisconsin."

This resolution endorses the League of Wisconsin Municipalities' "Partnership for Prosperity: An Agenda for a Competitive 21<sup>st</sup> Century Wisconsin," and calls upon the Wisconsin Governor and Legislature to work collaboratively with municipal leaders to accomplish the critical goals of job creation and economic growth as provided in the "Partnership for Growth."

Whereas, Thriving municipalities are key to Wisconsin's long-term economic success; and

Whereas, To compete globally, Wisconsin needs to develop quality communities that can attract and retain talent and enterprise, and spur job creation; and

Whereas, Wisconsin cities and villages provide the core services that businesses and people expect and need from their local governments, including protective services, sewer and water, roads and other transportation, sanitation, recycling, libraries and parks; and

Whereas, It is of utmost importance that the State of Wisconsin invest its limited resources where most of the state's economic activities are occurring and where most of the jobs are being created as evidenced by the following:

1. Wisconsin's metropolitan regions account for 75% of the state's gross domestic product.
2. Wisconsin's cities and villages are home to 70% of the state's population, 87% of all manufacturing property, and 89% of all commercial property.
3. Most of the small businesses created in the state get their start in cities and villages.
4. Cities and villages are where nearly all technology-based entrepreneurship and knowledge-based economic activity occurs in Wisconsin.
5. Start-ups and other knowledge-based economic activity occur almost exclusively within cities and villages.

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Whereas, For the state's economy to flourish, state and local leaders must work collaboratively; and

Whereas, The League of Wisconsin Municipalities' "Partnership for Prosperity: An Agenda for a Competitive 21<sup>st</sup> Century Wisconsin" recognizes that thriving municipalities are critical to a successful state economy and calls for a new state-local government partnership to spur economic growth and job creation by:

1. Helping communities continue to provide quality local services while controlling property taxes.
2. Investing in local transportation infrastructure.
3. Enhancing and promoting economic development best practices, such as the expansion of historic tax credit that was accomplished in the state 2013-2014 legislative session.

; and, be it

Resolved, By the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee, that the City of Milwaukee endorses the League of Wisconsin Municipalities' "Partnership for Prosperity: An Agenda for a Competitive 21<sup>st</sup> Century Wisconsin," and calls upon the Wisconsin Governor and Legislature to work collaboratively with municipal leaders to accomplish the critical goals of job creation and economic growth as provided in the "Partnership for Prosperity."

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