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ALD. JOHNSON, STAMPER, HAMILTON, COGGS, MURPHY, RAINEY, LEWIS Resolution urging Milwaukee Public Schools to pre-register all students 18 years of age and older to vote.

This resolution urges Milwaukee Public Schools to pre-register all students 18 years of age and older to vote while the students are still in school and prior to graduation.

Whereas, Academic studies and electoral analyses show that voting behavior is habit-forming; people who vote continue voting, while those who do not vote typically do not start voting; and

Whereas, Voter registration boosts civic engagement, particularly among the state's youngest citizens; and

Whereas, Young voters consistently have the lowest election turnout rates of any age group; and

Whereas, Approximately 20-25% of all eligible voters and approximately 40% of young adult eligible voters are not registered to vote; and

Whereas, The impact of pre-registration is similar for both major political parties; and

Whereas, Voter pre-registration can further increase voter turnout; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, By the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee, that Milwaukee Public Schools is urged to pre-register all students 18 years of age and older to vote while the students are still in school and prior to graduation.

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