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Substitute resolution relating to creation of a SafeVote Program.
This resolution approves a SafeVote program under which all registered voters in the City of Milwaukee will receive applications for absentee ballots along with postage-paid return envelopes in time for them to participate in the Fall 2020 General Election.
Whereas, The right to vote is one of the most sacred in a democracy; and

Whereas, The COVID-19 pandemic has made assembling groups of any size a threat to public health; and

Whereas, The spectacle of thousands of citizens gathering to vote in the Spring 2020 General Election, while in a way inspiring, was an unacceptable danger to their own well-being and that of others and must not be repeated; and

Whereas, Under these circumstances, voting by mail must be seen as the best way to ensure the best possible participation in a vital election; and

Whereas, On April 21, 2020, the Common Council adopted File Number 200005, a resolution directing the executive director of the Milwaukee Election Commission to create, within 30 days of the effective date of that resolution, a SafeVote program under which all registered voters in the City of Milwaukee would receive applications for absentee ballots along with postage-paid return envelopes in time for them to participate in the Fall 2020 General Election; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, By the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee, that the attached SafeVote Program is approved.

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