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Substitute resolution expressing the City of Milwaukee's support for pending federal legislation, H.R. 4812, Local Jobs for America Act.

This resolution expresses the City of Milwaukee's support for pending federal legislation, H.R. 4812, the Local Jobs for America Act. This legislation will help create one million public and private jobs in local communities this year, including in the City of Milwaukee.

Whereas, The United States is going through one of the most difficult economic times in its history with the national unemployment rate hovering around 10 percent; and

Whereas, Despite signs of an economic recovery at the national level, economic conditions in cities and towns across the country continue to worsen with municipal governments facing significant budget shortfalls and increased demand for services; and

Whereas, The City of Milwaukee employs 8,467 workers who provide critical services to residents ranging from public safety, community and economic development, infrastructure maintenance and trash collection; and

Whereas, The unemployment rate in the Milwaukee metropolitan statistical area has risen to 9.6%; and

Whereas, The City of Milwaukee may be facing a budget shortfall and may have to choose between laying off employees, eliminating services and raising taxes to balance its budget; and

Whereas, Federal aid will be necessary if the City of Milwaukee is to avoid public service worker layoffs including fire, police and other important City workers or significant increases in taxes to pay the salaries of these employees; and

Whereas, The National League of Cities and city leaders, including City of Milwaukee leaders, helped develop the Local Jobs for America Act; and

Whereas, The City of Milwaukee supports the Local Jobs for America Act, H.R. 4812, because it will help ensure that the city can continue to:

1. Provide services essential to families in the community.
2. Prevent state and local tax increases, while helping governments avoid making the choice between eliminating services and raising taxes.

3. Stimulate local businesses and create more jobs in the local economy.

; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, By the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee, that the City of Milwaukee, along with the National League of Cities, endorses H.R. 4812, the Local Jobs for America Act because it will help create one million public and private jobs in local communities this year, including in the City of Milwaukee; and, be it

Further Resolved, That the City of Milwaukee encourages Congress and the President to adopt H.R. 4812 into law as soon as possible so that cities and towns across America can retain existing employees and provide employment opportunities in the public and private sectors; and, be it

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

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