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Supervisors Approve Continuation of Free Birth Certificate Program

MILWAUKEE – The Board of Supervisors voted today to continue Milwaukee County's Free Birth Certificate Program. The program helps individuals get a photo ID for voting purposes and enables youth aged 15-21 to apply for jobs.

The County program covers the cost of accessing and printing a birth certificate and is available to anyone born in Wisconsin in order to promote voting access and youth employment.

"By continuing this program we remove an impediment to voting and ensure our young people have access to jobs," said Chairman Theodore Lipscomb, Sr., who sponsored the measure.

More than half of the free birth certificates provided by Milwaukee County in 2017 were provided to help young people apply for jobs.

Funding for the popular program was unexpectedly set to run out before the end of the summer, which prompted Milwaukee County Supervisors to act quickly in order to ensure its continuation.

Wisconsin residents who wish to take advantage of the Free Birth Certificate Program can contact the Register of Deeds for more information.

Supervisor Sequanna Taylor joined Chairman Theodore Lipscomb Sr. in co-sponsoring the resolution, which was adopted by the full Board on a vote of 17 to 0.

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