

BY ALDS. KOVAC, COGGS, BOHL, PEREZ, BORKOWSKI

*Resolution expressing condolences to the family and friends of Mary Ann Neevel.*

**WHEREAS,**

## **MARY ANN NEEVEL**

*passed from this life on October 12, 2016 at the age of 76, and memorial services were held on October 29, 2016 at Plymouth United Church of Christ, 2717 E. Hampshire St.; and*

***WHEREAS,** Mary Ann Neevel studied sociology and history at North Dakota State University and then sought her master of divinity degree from Yale University Divinity School, where she met her husband of 53 years, Walter G. Neevel; and*

***WHEREAS,** Mary Ann Neevel was one of the first women ordained in the Boston area, and she was a founding member of the Milwaukee Association for Interfaith Relations and a devoted member of the Milwaukee Inner City Congregations Allied for Hope (MICAH); and*

***WHEREAS,** Mary Ann Neevel served 50 years in the ministry, and more than 20 years as the Senior Pastor of Plymouth United Church of Christ in Milwaukee, where she served her church and community with an open-minded leadership, affirming Plymouth's status as a church Open and Affirming of the LGBT community in 1991; and*

***WHEREAS,** Mary Ann Neevel leaves to cherish her memory her beloved husband, Walter, and children, David and Neeve, as well as a host of other relatives and friends; now, therefore, be it*

***RESOLVED,** That the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee herewith expresses its condolences to the family and friends of Mary Ann Neevel and mourns with deep sorrow the passing of this fine woman; and, be it*

***FURTHER RESOLVED,** That a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to the family of Mary Ann Neevel.*

***Introduced by Common Council members Nik Kovac, Milele A. Coggs, Jim Bohl, José G. Pérez and Mark A. Borkowski and approved by all members of the Milwaukee Common Council on November 1, 2016.***