

BY THE COMMON COUNCIL

Resolution recognizing the City of Medan, Indonesia.

WHEREAS,

CITY OF MEDAN, INDONESIA

was visited by a delegation from the City of Milwaukee, Wisconsin on October 10 - 12, 2014; and

WHEREAS, *The visiting City of Milwaukee delegation, led by Alderman Joe Davis, Sr., met with the Honorable Mayor Dzulmi Eldin and shared information about Milwaukee's government and its economy – from its traditional manufacturing industry to light manufacturing and service industry – and about Milwaukee's rich cultural and ethnic diversity; and*

WHEREAS, *In 1590 Raja Guru Patimpus founded the settlement Medan Putri in the fertile lowlands between the rivers Sungai Deli and Sungai Babura, and between the end of the 16th century and early 17th century the area became a battlefield between the Aceh and Deli rulers, and Medan was a small village up until the 19th century; and*

WHEREAS, *During the 19th century the City of Medan began to experience rapid development with the opening of tobacco plantations by the Dutch, and Medan soon became the center of commercial activities and government on Sumatra Island; and*

WHEREAS, *In 1886 Medan became the capital of what then was North Sumatra, and by the end of Dutch rule (1942), the population was 80,000, and by that time it had become the richest and most productive area of the Dutch East Indies, and today Medan is home to almost three million inhabitants; and*

WHEREAS, *Medan's strategic geographical location enables it to strive as the hub for trade in goods and services domestically, regionally and internationally, and the city's infrastructure and physical developments are focused on supporting the development of industrial areas and trade to further improve the quality of life of its people, to create a stable and attractive business environment and to drive business development; now, therefore, be it*

RESOLVED, *That the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee herewith recognizes the great City of Medan, Indonesia and looks forward to continued cooperation and good relations; and, be it*

FURTHER RESOLVED, *That a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to the City of Medan, Indonesia.*

Introduced and approved by all members of the Milwaukee Common Council on October 14, 2014: Joe Davis, Sr., Michael J. Murphy, Robert J. Bauman, Ashanti Hamilton, Milele A. Coggs, Nik Kovac, Jim Bohl, Willie C. Wade, Robert G. Donovan, Robert W. Puente, Joe Dudzik, José G. Pérez, Terry L. Witkowski, Tony Zielinski and Russell W. Stamper, II.