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*Resolution honoring Chadwick Boseman for his service as a role model and hero for the African American Community*

**WHEREAS,**

## **CHADWICK BOSEMAN**

*passed from this life on August 28, 2020 at the age of 43 after being a prominent award-winning actor and leader in the African American Community; and*

**WHEREAS,** *Chadwick Boseman was born on November 29, 1976 in South Carolina and went on to attend Howard University graduating with a Bachelor of Fine Arts in directing and then also attended the British American Drama Academy in Oxford, England; and*

**WHEREAS,** *Chadwick Boseman appeared in multiple TV programs and movies before finally landing one of his most memorable roles in the movie, 42, in which Boseman portrayed the legendary Jackie Robinson who broke numerous racial barriers and inspired generations of African American baseball players; and*

**WHEREAS,** *Chadwick Boseman achieved recognition for his roles and was named the Male Star of Tomorrow by the National Association of Theater Owners in February 2014 and continued to have great success early in his career with movies like Thurgood and Get Up; and*

**WHEREAS,** *Chadwick Boseman's lead role in Black Panther was the pinnacle of his career as he took the lead as one of Marvel's first lead Black actors which allowed the African American community to have a new form of cultural representation which has never been seen before in a superhero movie of that magnitude; and*

**WHEREAS,** *Chadwick Boseman was far more than just an actor, he was a beacon of hope for the African American community and he displayed African American culture on screen in a manner which allowed for African Americans to feel seen and represented by acting in one of the highest grossing movies of all time; now, therefore, be it*

**RESOLVED,** *That the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee herewith offers its sincere condolences to the family and friends of Chadwick Boseman, and notes the upstanding leadership and inspiration that he will be remembered for; and, be it*

**FURTHER RESOLVED,** *That a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to the family of Chadwick Boseman.*

**Introduced by Common Council members Khalif J. Rainey, Ashanti Hamilton, Milele A. Coggs, Russell W. Stamper, II, Scott Spiker, Mark A. Borkowski, José G. Pérez, Chantia Lewis, Nikiya Dodd and Cavalier Johnson and approved by all members of the Milwaukee Common Council on September 22, 2020.**