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*Resolution congratulating Giannis Antetokounmpo of the Milwaukee Bucks basketball team for earning the National Basketball Association's Most Valuable Player Award.*

**WHEREAS,**

## **GIANNIS ANTETOKOUNMPO**

*was named the Most Valuable Player in the National Basketball Association for the 2018-19 season and is the first Milwaukee Bucks player to earn the honor since Kareem Abdul-Jabbar in 1974; and*

**WHEREAS,** *Giannis Antetokounmpo was drafted by the Milwaukee Bucks in the first round of the 2013 NBA draft after playing in Greece's third-tier level semi-pro basketball league, the Greek 3<sup>rd</sup> Division; and*

**WHEREAS,** *Giannis Antetokounmpo came from a childhood of poverty in Greece before becoming an NBA star, showing the power of hard work, resilience and determination; and*

**WHEREAS,** *Giannis Antetokounmpo was awarded the NBA Most Improved Player Award in 2017, while also being recognized as an NBA All-Star for the first time in his career and earning NBA All-Defensive team honors; and*

**WHEREAS,** *Giannis Antetokounmpo further elevated his level of play for the 2018-19 season, including scoring a career-high 52 points on March 17<sup>th</sup>, while also averaging 27.7 points, 12.5 rebounds and 5.9 assists per game on his way to becoming the NBA Most Valuable Player; and*

**WHEREAS,** *Giannis Antetokounmpo is a committed member of the Milwaukee Bucks, helped the team achieve first place finishes in the Central Division and Eastern Conference to earn a playoff slot in the 2018-19 season, led the team to the Eastern Conference finals for the first time since 2001 and has shown his dedication to the Milwaukee community and Bucks basketball; now, therefore, be it*

**RESOLVED,** *That the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee herewith congratulates Giannis Antetokounmpo of the Milwaukee Bucks basketball team for earning NBA Most Valuable Player honors and for bringing an immense sense of pride and happiness to our great community, extends its appreciation on behalf of the City of Milwaukee and offers its best wishes for continued success; and, be it*

**FURTHER RESOLVED,** *That a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to Giannis Antetokounmpo.*

**Introduced by Common Council members Robert Bauman, Khalif J. Rainey, Ashanti Hamilton, Milele A. Cogg, Russell W. Stamper, II, Mark A. Borkowski, José G. Pérez, Chantia Lewis, Cavalier Johnson and Nikiya Dodd and approved by all members of the Milwaukee Common Council on July 9, 2019.**