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*Resolution recognizing Pardeep S. Kaleka as the recipient of the 2025 Ellen Gilligan Leadership in Racial Equity and Social Justice Award.*

**WHEREAS,**

## **PARDEEP S. KALEKA**

*was honored by the Greater Milwaukee Foundation as the Ellen Gilligan Leadership in Racial Equity and Social Justice Award recipient on December 2, 2025 at the Greater Milwaukee Foundation's Greater Together luncheon; and*

**WHEREAS**, *The Greater Together Awards shine a spotlight on individuals who are shaping a more inclusive and vibrant Milwaukee, and each year, these prestigious awards recognize those who dedicate their time, talent, treasure and ties to building a stronger, more equitable community for all; and*

**WHEREAS**, *The Ellen Gilligan Leadership in Racial Equity and Social Justice Award was established in 2019 to recognize those who have worked tirelessly to overcome the burdens of inequity and injustice to make our region truly welcoming and inclusive for all; and*

**WHEREAS**, *Pardeep S. Kaleka has dedicated his life to confronting acts of hate and violence, providing guidance to communities, organizations, and local leaders to build safer, more inclusive, and resilient spaces for all residents, and his advocacy, educational efforts, and public speaking have promoted understanding, healing, and actionable strategies for preventing hate, advancing equity, and strengthening community solidarity; now, therefore, be it*

**RESOLVED**, *That the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee herewith commends Pardeep S. Kaleka for his resilience, dedication, and contributions to the greater Milwaukee area, and congratulates him as the Ellen Gilligan Leadership in Racial Equity and Social Justice Award recipient; and, be it*

**FURTHER RESOLVED**, *That a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to Pardeep S. Kaleka.*

*Introduced by Common Council members José G. Pérez, JoCasta Zamarripa, Milele A. Coggs, Andrea M. Pratt, Mark Chambers, Jr., DiAndre Jackson, Robert Bauman, Lamont Westmoreland, Sharlen P. Moore, Scott Spiker, Alex Brower and Russell W. Stamper, II and approved by all members of the Milwaukee Common Council on December 16, 2025.*