

*BY ALDS. HAMILTON, PEREZ, SPIKER, COGGS, STAMPER, BORKOWSKI, LEWIS, RAINEY, JOHNSON, DODD*

*Resolution congratulating and commending Ziyad Saleem on an outstanding 2020 season.*

**WHEREAS,**

## **ZIYAD SALEEM**

*placed 1<sup>st</sup> in the 100-yard backstroke during the 96th Annual Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association Boys Swimming and Diving State Championships on February 22, 2020 at the Natatorium on the campus of the University of Wisconsin-Madison; and*

***WHEREAS,** Ziyad Saleem, who dedicated himself to hard work and excellence, was able to bring out the best in himself while putting together an amazing run for gold for the City of Milwaukee and Rufus King High School; and*

***WHEREAS,** Until this historic season, it had been five years since a swimmer from the City Conference qualified for the WIAA state meet, and Ziyad has been the league's only state qualifier the past two seasons when he finished 12th and then eighth in the 100-yard backstroke; and*

***WHEREAS,** Ziyad has remained humble and focused as he continued his journey to the State competition, where he was the top seed entering the 100-yard backstroke race, making a furious comeback in the final stretch to take gold and win 1<sup>st</sup> place; and*

***WHEREAS,** Ziyad Saleem, junior at Rufus King High School, earned the pride and respect of his peers and of the community for his hard work, dedication, sportsmanship and leadership; now, therefore, be it*

***RESOLVED,** That the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee herewith congratulates and commends Ziyad Saleem on placing 1<sup>st</sup> in the 96th Annual Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association Boys Swimming and Diving State Championship, recognizes him on an historic 2020 season, and extends its appreciation on behalf of the citizens of the City of Milwaukee; and, be it*

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

*Introduced by Common Council members Ashanti Hamilton, José G. Perez, Scott Spiker, Milele A. Coggs, Russell W. Stamper, II, Mark A. Borkowski, Chantia Lewis, Khalif J. Rainey, Cavalier Johnson, and Nikiya Dodd and approved by all members of the Milwaukee Common Council on March 24, 2020.*