

BY THE COMMON COUNCIL

Resolution congratulating MKE Plays on receiving a Public Policy Forum 2016 Salute Award.

WHEREAS,

MKE PLAYS

was chosen to receive a Public Policy Forum 2016 Salute Award, given to recognize municipalities and school districts for strong financial management, innovation, partnership and cooperation and to individuals in the public sector for excellence and lifetime achievement; and

WHEREAS, *The City of Milwaukee has partnered in a collaborative manner with neighborhood residents, community nonprofits and neighborhood associations, elected and appointed officials, university faculty and volunteers, and public and private funders in an effort to better the community through the MKE Plays initiative; and*

WHEREAS, *MKE Plays is a program which aims to renovate 12 of Milwaukee's most dilapidated playgrounds, selected in a data-driven manner by Milwaukee's Department of Public Works, in an effort to encourage children to play and exercise, and to decrease the prevalence of childhood obesity in the city; and*

WHEREAS, *Renovations for two playgrounds have already been completed, and the remaining 10 playgrounds' restorations have already been fully financed through public and private funds and will be completed by 2018; now, therefore, be it*

RESOLVED, *That the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee herewith congratulates MKE Plays on being honored by the Public Policy Forum with this prestigious award.*

Introduced and approved on June 14, 2016 by all members of the Milwaukee Common Council: Michael J. Murphy, Ashanti Hamilton, Cavalier Johnson, Nik Kovac, Robert Bauman, Jim Bohl, Milele A. Coggs, Khalif J. Rainey, Robert G. Donovan, Chantia Lewis, Mark A. Borkowski, José G. Pérez, Terry L. Witkowski, Tony Zielinski and Russell W. Stamper, II.