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Resolution recognizing and congratulating Mark Lawson on his retirement from the Milwaukee Institute of Art & Design and the Historic Third Ward Association.

WHEREAS,

MARK LAWSON

retired on April 26 as the Director of Galleries at the Milwaukee Institute of Art & Design (MIAD) and as a member of the Historic Third Ward Association after 36 and 19 years, respectively, of dedicated service to the arts and was honored for such at the 48th Annual Historic Third Ward Association meeting on April 4; and

WHEREAS, *Mark Lawson proudly served as the Director of Galleries at MIAD since 1988, and throughout the course of his career, hosted over 200 exhibitions, featuring artists and artistic work of all kinds, including championing a comprehensive exhibition of the Layton School of Art, MIAD's predecessor, in honor of MIAD's 50th anniversary, featuring art work never before seen by the public and providing an invaluable historic and artistic resource; and*

WHEREAS, *Mark Lawson has been a dedicated member of the Third Ward Architectural Review Board since 2003 and the Historic Third Ward Association since 2005, and throughout his tenure, has been a champion and steward of Gallery Night MKE, the latter's quarterly arts event; and*

WHEREAS, *Mark Lawson also serves as the president of the board of directors of the Jazz Gallery Center for the Arts in Milwaukee, a gathering center for seasoned and emerging artists and musicians to showcase, discuss, and develop their work in fellowship with other artists and the community; and*

WHEREAS, *Mark Lawson has been a tireless advocate of the arts in Milwaukee, lending his expertise and passion to countless organizations and projects over the years, and has left an indelible mark on the City's creative communities as well as hundreds of artists, students, designers, patrons, and colleagues; now, therefore, be it*

RESOLVED, *That the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee herewith congratulates Mark Lawson on his retirement MIAD and the Historic Third Ward Association, extends its appreciation on behalf of the community, and wishes for him a happy and healthy retirement; and, be it*

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

Introduced by Common Council members Robert Bauman, Andrea M. Pratt, Mark Chambers, Jr., Lamont Westmoreland, Milele A. Coggs, Khalif J. Rainey, JoCasta Zamarripa, Larresa Taylor, Michael J. Murphy, Mark A. Borkowski, José G. Pérez, Scott Spiker, and Russell W. Stamper, II, and approved by all members of the Milwaukee Common Council on April 9, 2024.