

BY ALDS. MURPHY, STAMPER, RAINEY, COGGS, SPIKER, BORKOWSKI, PEREZ, DODD

*Resolution recognizing John Dawson for his dedicated service to Hawthorn Glen.*

**WHEREAS,**

## **JOHN DAWSON**

*is highly regarded and respected for his service to the citizens of the City of Milwaukee, as a Master Naturalist at Hawthorn Glen and a teacher at Madison and Hamilton High Schools; and*

**WHEREAS,** *John Dawson joined Hawthorn Glen in 2003 as a naturalist, and taught recreational programs to students from the ages of 4-18 about environmental education, and in the planetariums at Madison and Hamilton High Schools where he was loved by all; and*

**WHEREAS,** *John Dawson would also help out with MKE REC in their partnership with the Wisconsin DNR out of the Kettle Moraine State Forest Southern Unit, where as a naturalist he would teach students about glaciers, topography, wildlife, ecosystems and orienteering; and*

**WHEREAS,** *John Dawson, earned the title of Master Naturalist after completing the Wisconsin Naturalist program and LEAF (Wisconsin's K-12 Forestry Education Program); and*

**WHEREAS,** *Working with Peter Blewett, John would hire, train and give jobs to urban high school students through the Earn & Learn program (MAWIB), mentoring them on the proper use of tools, tree identification, and providing an appreciation for our natural world; and*

**WHEREAS,** *John Dawson would see the successful completion of the North Hills trail that would bring back six previously destroyed habitats and this success would bring back the amphibians to the property; and*

**WHEREAS,** *John Dawson would eventually take over Operations at Hawthorn Glen and would make sure that everything was taken care of, no matter how small of a task; now, therefore, be it*

**RESOLVED,** *That the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee herewith thanks and extends its appreciation on behalf of the community to John Dawson for his many years of dedicated service to Hawthorn Glen and recognizes his love of nature and his dedication toward making Hawthorn Glen the great park that it is today; and, be it*

**FURTHER RESOLVED,** *that a suitably engrossed copy of the resolution be presented to John Dawson.*

**Introduced by Common Council members Michael J. Murphy, Russell W. Stamper, II, Khalif J. Rainey, Milele A. Coggs, Mark A. Borkowski, Scott Spiker, José G. Pérez and Nikiya Dodd and approved by all members of the Milwaukee Common Council on October 11, 2022.**