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*Resolution recognizing Jonathan Fera for his years of dedicated work and positive contributions to the City of Milwaukee.*

**WHEREAS,**

## **JONATHAN FERA**

*served with skill and distinction in key roles for the City of Milwaukee and left for new challenges and opportunities during September 2023; and*

**WHEREAS,** *Jonathan Fera grew up on the south side of Milwaukee and went on to attend the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater, graduating with a degree in Communications, with an emphasis on Public Relations, and a minor in Political Science; and*

**WHEREAS,** *At UW-Whitewater, Jonathan was a Social Media Intern and Public Relations Assistant, and, as Chair of the College Democrats, led them to a Chapter of the Year Award, and then went on to receive a Master of Professional Studies Degree in Strategic Public Relations from The George Washington University in Washington, D.C.; and*

**WHEREAS,** *Jonathan served as Communications Coordinator for Milwaukee Mayor Tom Barrett, where he notably managed and coordinated Mayor Barrett's Walk 100 Miles in 100 Days public health initiative, and also served as Deputy Press Secretary for U.S. Senator Tammy Baldwin, where his work included overseeing a highly-competitive paid press intern program; and*

**WHEREAS,** *Jonathan led Marketing & Communications for both the City of Milwaukee Department of City Development and Port of Milwaukee, where he developed an annual report highlighting DCD's significant contributions to the built, economic and equitable environment and coordinated a number of major high-profile events bringing positive attention to the Port; and*

**WHEREAS,** *Jonathan was appointed by Mayor Cavalier Johnson to be the City of Milwaukee's LGBTQ+ Liaison, and served ably, ensuring, through this work and his work with The Hive, the City's LGBTQ+ Employee Resource Group, an ever-forward march toward equality for the queer community within city government and the city at large, and he also consistently collaborated on and supported the work of Milwaukee's first openly LGBTQ+ alderperson, Ald. JoCasta Zamarripa; now, therefore, be it*

**RESOLVED,** *That the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee herewith thanks Jonathan Fera for his exemplary service to the city, as well as to the citizens of Milwaukee, extends its appreciation on behalf of the community and wishes him continued success and happiness; and, be it*

**FURTHER RESOLVED,** *That a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to Jonathan Fera, an outstanding employee.*

**Introduced by Common Council members Jonathan Brostoff, JoCasta Zamarripa, Andrea M. Pratt, Michael J. Murphy, Russell W. Stamper, II, Scott Spiker, Milele A. Coggs, Mark A. Borkowski, Khalif J. Rainey, Mark Chambers, Jr., Robert J. Bauman, Lamont Westmoreland, Larresa Taylor, and José G. Pérez and approved by all members of the Milwaukee Common Council on September 19, 2023.**