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*Resolution expressing condolences to the family and friends of Mildred L. Harpole who passed from this life on October 24, 2019.*

**WHEREAS,**

## **MILDRED L. HARPOLE**

*passed from this life on October 24, 2019 and a funeral Mass was held on November 2, 2019 at St. Francis of Assisi Church, 927 N. Vel R. Phillips Ave.; and*

**WHEREAS,** *Mildred L. Harpole was a dedicated advocate, philanthropist and educator who helped improve the lives of those in Milwaukee's African American community and brought endless cultural opportunities to the city's forefront; and*

**WHEREAS,** *Mildred Harpole was a civil rights worker and education revolutionary who taught at Milwaukee freedom schools during the modern Civil Rights era in the United States and fought for economic prosperity in Milwaukee's African American community; and*

**WHEREAS,** *Mildred Harpole served as the Fair Housing Director for the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development's Wisconsin Division and helped mentor Milwaukee leaders on ending homelessness for all residents; and*

**WHEREAS,** *Mildred Harpole helped establish the Reuben K. Harpole Jr. Education Scholarship with her beloved husband Reuben at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, which invested in the education of young African American men who were interested in teaching, she served as a member of the Milwaukee Arts Board and in 2013 she and Reuben were recognized for their service to Milwaukee students with the Frank P. Zeidler Public Service Award; and*

**WHEREAS,** *Mildred Harpole will be remembered by her husband of 60 years, Reuben, and their two children, Annette and John, two beloved grandchildren and so many in the greater Milwaukee area for her cultural contributions and investment in the enrichment of the city's youth; now, therefore, be it*

**RESOLVED,** *That the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee herewith expresses its condolences to the family and friends of Mildred L. Harpole and mourns with deep sorrow the passing of this upstanding civic servant; and, be it*

**FURTHER RESOLVED,** *That a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to the family of Mildred L. Harpole.*

**Introduced by Common Council members Robert J. Bauman, Milele A. Coggs, Michael J. Murphy, Ashanti Hamilton, Russell W. Stamper, II, Scott Spiker, José G. Pérez, Chantia Lewis, Khalif J. Rainey, Cavalier Johnson and Nikiya Dodd and approved by all members of the Milwaukee Common Council on November 5, 2019.**