

*BY THE COMMON COUNCIL*

*Resolution recognizing and congratulating Jim Owczarski on the occasion of his 50th birthday.*

**WHEREAS,**

***JIM OWCZARSKI***

*celebrated a milestone birthday, his 50<sup>th</sup>, on September 30, 2016, and was joined in hearty celebration by friends and coworkers; and*

**WHEREAS,** *Born on September 30, 1966, James Raymond “Jim” Owczarski was lovingly adopted by Raymond and Alice Owczarski of St. Francis, Wisconsin, graduated from Marquette University High School in 1984, and attended Marquette University, earning a Bachelor of Arts degree in Journalism and Theology, as well as a Master’s Degree in History in 1989; and*

**WHEREAS,** *Jim started his professional career as a journalist with Community Newspapers, Inc. and was then quickly hired by the Milwaukee Journal (later renamed the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel), working as a news correspondent off the Metro desk, including a stint with the fondly-remembered “Neighbors” section; and*

**WHEREAS,** *Jim joined the City of Milwaukee as an analyst in the Legislative Reference Bureau in 1998, and was promoted to City Records Manager (March 2004) and to Deputy City Clerk in October 2006, and was elected unanimously as City Clerk in April 2012 and re-elected in April 2016; and*

**WHEREAS,** *Jim Owczarski has had numerous theatrical roles as an actor, including as Cyrano in Cyrano de Bergerac, Ira Hampton (and many other roles) with Radio WHT, as The Narrator in The Rocky Horror Show, and 14 summers as Sir Edward Coke at the Bristol Renaissance Faire, and his hobbies include war-gaming, (especially Napoleonics) and history-related travel, and of course, he’s a fan of the Green Bay Packers; and*

**WHEREAS,** *Jim is a true Renaissance man, given his broad knowledge of just about every subject, and he is also a certified Parliamentarian, teaches at the National War College (game strategy) and has been a game software tester; and*

**WHEREAS,** *Jim married his beloved wife, Michelle, in 1995, and he is the devoted and loving father of Edward (born 2008); now, therefore, be it*

**RESOLVED,** *That the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee herewith congratulates Jim Owczarski on the occasion of his 50th birthday and extends to him its sincere wishes for his continued health and happiness; and, be it*

**FURTHER RESOLVED,** *That a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to Jim Owczarski, in recognition of his 50th birthday.*

***Introduced and approved by all members of the Milwaukee Common Council on October 11, 2016: Tony Zielinski, Ashanti Hamilton, Milele A. Coggs, Jim Bohl, Mark A. Borkowski, José G. Pérez, Cavalier Johnson, Nik Kovac, Robert J. Bauman, Robert G. Donovan, Chantia Lewis, Michael J. Murphy, Terry L. Witkowski, Khalif J. Rainey, and Russell W. Stamper, II.***