

*BY ALD. MURPHY, DONOVAN, COGGS, KOVAC, PEREZ, WITKOWSKI, DAVIS*

*Resolution congratulating Marge Didier on receiving the first-ever Founder's Award from the Ulster Project Milwaukee.*

**WHEREAS,**

**MARGE DIDIER**

*was honored with the first-ever Founder's Award at the Wauwatosa Presbyterian Church on July 1, 2014 by the Ulster Project Milwaukee, which she helped start 35 years ago; and*

*WHEREAS, Through her inspiration, courage and desire to use her gifts to promote peace, Marge Didier worked with Protestant and Catholic churches to create the Ulster Project Milwaukee in 1979, and would serve with humility and grace as national coordinator for a decade, and remains on the Milwaukee Board today; and*

*WHEREAS, The Ulster Project welcomes teenagers from Northern Ireland and pairs them with families in the United States to promote trust, tolerance and understanding to resolve the issues which have divided the people of Northern Ireland, and Milwaukee is home to the longest running active Ulster Project; and*

*WHEREAS, Marge Didier's parents were born in Moria, Northern Ireland, but immigrated to Toronto, Canada to escape The Troubles, and eventually settled in Dayton, Ohio where Marge was born; and*

*WHEREAS, Growing up, Marge Didier was active at Christ Church before moving to Milwaukee, marrying her husband Les Didier, converting to Catholicism, and raising a family in Wauwatosa, where she helped unite churches of various denominations to open a food pantry; now, therefore, be it*

*RESOLVED, That the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee herewith thanks Marge Didier for her public service, extends its appreciation on behalf of the community, and wishes for her a happy and healthy future; and, be it*

*FURTHER RESOLVED, That a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to Marge Didier, an outstanding public servant.*

*Introduced by Common Council members Michael J. Murphy, Robert G. Donovan, Nik Kovac, Milele A. Coggs, José G. Pérez, Terry L. Witkowski and Joe Davis and approved by all members of the Milwaukee Common Council on July 22, 2014.*