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Resolution congratulating the Vision Forward Association on the occasion of its 100th anniversary celebration.

WHEREAS,

VISION FORWARD ASSOCIATION

celebrated years of providing services to the diverse community of individuals who are blind or visually impaired and their families during a special centennial event held on September 7, 2019; and

WHEREAS, *What began in 1919 as an advocate group for the blind has evolved into an organization that offers comprehensive services to individuals experiencing all stages of vision loss, and through the decades individuals have turned to Vision Forward for help in overcoming the challenges vision loss presents and have found a community of support and information available throughout their lives; and*

WHEREAS, *Vision Forward is located in Milwaukee at 912 N. Hawley Rd., and its mission is to empower, educate, and enhance the lives of individuals impacted by vision loss through all of life's transitions; and*

WHEREAS, *Vision Forward provides a continuum of services, from birth through adulthood, to people with visual impairments, helping them achieve important developmental milestones as well as educational, personal and professional goals and all programs and services are provided regardless of a person's or family's ability to pay; and*

WHEREAS, *At Vision Forward, the focus is on ability, not disability, because what people can do is far more important than what they can't do, and for this reason, the association works to empower and educate individuals and families not only about vision issues, but also about the social and emotional aspects of vision loss; now, therefore, be it*

RESOLVED, *That the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee herewith congratulates the Vision Forward Association on its 100th anniversary, extends its sincere appreciation on behalf of the community and wishes for its continued success and prosperity; and, be it*

FURTHER RESOLVED, *That a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to the Vision Forward Association.*

Introduced by Common Council members Michael J. Murphy, Ashanti Hamilton, Milele A. Coggs, Russell W. Stamper, II, Mark A. Borkowski, José G. Pérez, Chantia Lewis, Khalif J. Rainey, Cavalier Johnson and Nikiya Dodd and approved by all members of the Milwaukee Common Council on September 4, 2019.