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Resolution expressing condolences to the family and friends of Amy Brinkman-Sustache.

WHEREAS,

AMY BRINKMAN-SUSTACHE

passed from this life on July 17, 2024 at the age of 62, and services were held for family and friends on August 22, 2024 at Cabot Theatre (Skylight Music Theatre) located at 158 N Broadway; and

***WHEREAS,** Amy Brinkman-Sustache was a gifted dancer at a young age who competed on national television, performed in dance with her husband Gregg Sustache under the stage names Shabba-dazz and Sheena, and turned her love of dance into a career as a performing artist, choreographer, beloved teacher, and mentor to countless men, women and children throughout Milwaukee and far beyond; and*

***WHEREAS,** Amy Brinkman-Sustache was a founding member of Danceworks MKE in 1992, and served in various leadership positions for more than 32 years including Education Director, overseeing classes, creative arts camps and outreach for all ages, Artistic Director of Danceworks on Tap, Danceworks Mad Hot Ballroom, and Tap and Mad Hot Rhythm; and*

***WHEREAS,** Amy Brinkman-Sustache also taught over the years at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, Marquette University, Pius XI High School and other places, and her legacy will live on through her daughter, Gabrielle (Gabi) Sustache, family and friends, and the countless performers, teachers and students she trained, mentored, and inspired for generations to come; now, therefore, be it*

***RESOLVED,** That the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee herewith offers its sincere condolences to the family and friends of Amy Brinkman-Sustache, who will be remembered fondly for her hard work, dedication, and love of her family, friends, and community; and, be it*

***FURTHER RESOLVED,** That a suitably engrossed copy of the resolution be presented to the family of Amy Brinkman-Sustache.*

Introduced by Common Council members Jonathan Brostoff, Milele A. Coggs, Larresa Taylor, Andrea M. Pratt, Mark Chambers, Jr., Robert Bauman, Lamont Westmoreland, JoCasta Zamarripa, José G. Pérez, Scott Spiker, Sharlen P. Moore, and Russell W. Stamper, II, and approved by all members of the Milwaukee Common Council on September 3, 2024.