

ALD. MURPHY

Resolution honoring Ken Schmidt for years of dedicated service to the city of Milwaukee.

WHEREAS,

KEN SCHMIDT

was honored for his leadership at Hope House Milwaukee during a special event held on November 11, 2014 at Water Buffalo in the Historic Third Ward; and

WHEREAS, *Ken Schmidt, a longtime leader on homeless issues, has served as executive director of Hope House Milwaukee for 16 years; and*

WHEREAS, *In 1987, Ken Schmidt helped launch Hope House, a non-profit organization designed to provide a safe, temporary refuge for people needing a place to sleep; and*

WHEREAS, *Under Schmidt's exceptional leadership, Hope House formed a partnership with the U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs, Milwaukee's Department of City Development, Housing Authority of the City of Milwaukee and Friends of Housing to renovate a building on the VA grounds to create housing for individuals with disabilities and homeless individuals; and*

WHEREAS, *Executive director, Ken Schmidt worked with Mercy Housing Lakefront and Milwaukee County to develop the Johnston Health Center into 91 units of permanent housing for homeless individuals, including the chronically homeless; and*

WHEREAS, *During his leadership at Hope House, Ken Schmidt worked with many organizations to provide community outreach to those who need food, health care, housing assistance and educational opportunities; now, therefore, be it*

RESOLVED, *That the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee herewith honors Ken Schmidt, thanks him for his many positive contributions to the city and wishes for him continued prosperity; and, be it*

FURTHER RESOLVED, *That a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution by presented to Ken Schmidt.*

Introduced by Common Council member Michael J. Murphy and approved by all members of the Milwaukee Common Council on November 25, 2014.

