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Resolution expressing condolences to the family and friends of Mattie “Louise” Hutchins, who passed from this life on November 20, 2021.

WHEREAS,

MATTIE “LOUISE” HUTCHINS

passed from this life on November 20, 2021 at age 73; and

WHEREAS, *Mattie “Louise” Hutchins was born on April 19, 1948, in Milwaukee to Dan and Effie (Edwards) Hutchins, graduated from Riverside High School in 1966, and earned her Bachelor’s Degree from Alverno College, where she double majored in Public Communication and Business Administration; and*

WHEREAS, *Louise began her work with the City of Milwaukee as a member of the Joint Certification Program staff, where she certified and authenticated applicants as minority and women-owned businesses, and later became the Contract Business Officer for the City, and her tenacity and sheer determination for “her” businesses to succeed resulted in her being chosen to develop the minority Business Development Equal Opportunity Enterprise Program; and*

WHEREAS, *Louise’s efforts resulted in exponential growth in minority and women owned businesses competing for and doing work with private contractors on City of Milwaukee supported developments, and she worked closely with members of the Common Council to draft language for an ordinance ensuring that general contractors working for the City would provide work opportunities for small, women-owned and emerging businesses, and she retired from the Housing Authority of the City of Milwaukee after more than 40 years of selfless and distinguished service on April 8, 2014; and*

WHEREAS, *Louise was a strong and vocal advocate for greater public and private contracting opportunities for minority small business owners and entrepreneurs, and she worked tirelessly in the small business development field for more than 40 years in the City (and throughout southeastern Wisconsin) helping Black- and Brown-owned businesses compete and succeed in the marketplace; and*

WHEREAS, *Louise leaves to cherish her memory: her daughter and only child, Valinna (Ron) Drew, her sister Margaret (William) Pettigrew, brother Milton (Jeanette) Hutchins, her favorite aunt Minnie Gaffney, and a host of loving nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends; now, therefore, be it*

RESOLVED, *That the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee herewith offers its sincere condolences to the family of Mattie “Louise” Hutchins, and mourns the passing of this fine and upstanding woman; and, be it*

FURTHER RESOLVED, *That a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to the family of Mattie “Louise” Hutchins.*

Introduced by Common Council members Cavalier Johnson, Milele A. Coggs, Ashanti Hamilton, Khalif J. Rainey, Scott Spiker, Nikiya Dodd, Mark A. Borkowski, Russell W. Stamper, II, José G. Pérez and Chantia Lewis and approved by all members of the Milwaukee Common Council on December 14, 2021.