

*BY ALD. MURPHY*

*Resolution expressing condolences to the family and friends of Steve Swigart, who passed from this life on August 27, 2013.*

**WHEREAS,**

**STEVE SWIGART**

*passed from this life on August 27, 2013 at the age of 69, and memorial services were held at Immanuel Presbyterian Church, 1100 N. Astor St., on September 8, 2013; and*

*WHEREAS, Steve Swigart spent his life helping others, starting in the Peace Corps, where he taught citizens of a mining town in Brazil how to plant garden,s and upon returning to the U.S. was drafted into the Army, served for three years and went on to marry Frances Elizabeth Brooke, with whom he had two children; and*

*WHEREAS, Upon moving to Milwaukee and completing his graduate studies, Steve Swigart continued in his quest to help those in need and began working at Wisconsin Community Services, rising to the position of Executive Director in 1997; and*

*WHEREAS, In order to help those trying to get back on their feet after time in prison, Steve Swigart worked to set up halfway homes in local communities, and upon his retirement he began a second career of putting himself up for auction to appear as Santa Claus for community groups and halfway houses, raising funds to help those less fortunate; and*

*WHEREAS, Steve Swigart was devoted to his community, and he is remembered by his family as a problem-solver, the mediator in disputes, and a truly caring individual, spending his free time gardening at his home, making his own wine and as a deeply involved member of his church, where he served as Deacon and embarked on mission trips to Zambia and Kenya; and*

*WHEREAS, Steve Swigart leaves to cherish his memory his two loving children, his sister, and a host of adoring relatives, friends and colleagues; now, therefore, be it*

*RESOLVED, That the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee herewith expresses its condolences to the family and friends of Steve Swigart and mourns with deep sorrow the passing of this great man; and, be it*

*FURTHER RESOLVED, That a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to the family of Steve Swigart.*

*Introduced by Common Council member Michael J. Murphy and approved by all members of the Milwaukee Common Council on September 24, 2013.*