

BY ALD. WADE

*Resolution expressing condolences to the family and friends of Adolph Thomas Arms, who passed from this life on October 30, 2013.*

**WHEREAS,**

**ADOLPH THOMAS ARMS**

*passed from this life at the age of 64 on October 30, 2013, and funeral services were held at Holy Redeemer Church in Milwaukee on Friday, November 8; and*

**WHEREAS,** *Adolph “Pappy” Arms was born in Milwaukee on November 30, 1948, and is the beloved husband of Mary Child Arms and proud father of five children, grandfather to 13 and great-grandfather to three, and descended from one of Wisconsin's oldest African American families with roots in the state dating back to the 1850's; and*

**WHEREAS,** *Adolph Arms, a God-fearing man, was very active in the Civil Rights movement in the 1960's, and was a member of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People's Youth Council Commando unit, a group formed by the Youth Council to shield and protect marchers during the quest for Fair Housing, which often attracted counterdemonstrators, under the advisement of Father James Groppi; and*

**WHEREAS,** *Adolph Arms was educated in the Milwaukee Public Schools system and furthered his education at Milwaukee Area Technical College, where he received his associates degree in Fire Protection and then worked as a sprinkler fitter throughout Wisconsin, becoming one of the first four black sprinkler fitters in the state; and*

**WHEREAS,** *Adolph Arms was an avid and adventurous hunter, fisherman and repairman who, above all, loved spending time with his family, especially the youth, teaching them the importance of responsibility, honor and keeping your word; now, therefore, be it*

**RESOLVED,** *That the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee herewith expresses its condolences to the family and friends of Adolph “Pappy” Thomas Arms and mourns with deep sorrow the passing of this fine man; and, be it*

**FURTHER RESOLVED,** *That a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to the family of Adolph Thomas Arms.*

**Introduced by Common Council member Willie C. Wade and approved by all members of the Milwaukee Common Council on November 26, 2013.**