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*Resolution congratulating Church Women United on their 95<sup>th</sup> anniversary*

**WHEREAS,**

**CHURCH WOMEN UNITED-MILWAUKEE UNIT**

*gathered on June 28, 2016 to celebrate its 95<sup>th</sup> anniversary at Albright United Methodist Church 5555 W. Capitol Dr.; and*

**WHEREAS,** *Mrs. Clara Barry, with the assistance of Mrs. Arthur H. Bartelt, Church Women United – Milwaukee Unit was organized February 3, 1921 as Federated Church Women of Milwaukee County, and it experienced name changes throughout the years: 1939 Milwaukee County Council of Church Women, 1951 United Church Women of the Milwaukee Area; 1967 Church Women United in the Milwaukee Area, which has evolved into Church Women United – Milwaukee Unit; and*

**WHEREAS,** *Church Women United – Milwaukee Unit was created for the purposes of “uniting the influence of the women of the churches of Milwaukee and brought this influence to bear on problems of law enforcement and moral welfare, and upon other inter-denominational activities” and 40 local churches and nine denominations attended the organizational meeting, and from its beginning, this organization has maintained a voice with power; and*

**WHEREAS,** *Church Women United has held monthly programs with speakers that bring Christian concern to relevant issues that have impacted people and conditions in the greater Milwaukee area, and has held celebration days: Human Rights Day and World Community Day, and CWU has also sponsored the annual World Day of Prayer; and*

**WHEREAS,** *Church Women United’s mission was to be a racially, culturally and theologically inclusive, part of a Christian women’s movement celebrating unity in diversity and has worked for a world of peace and justice and strived to become informed on a wide range of social justice issues, and to provide opportunities for worship and action; now, therefore, be it*

**RESOLVED,** *That the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee herewith congratulates Church Women United on its 95<sup>th</sup> anniversary and thanks it for its many positive contributions to the city, and extends wishes for continued success; and, be it*

**FURTHER RESOLVED,** *That a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to Church Women United.*

***Introduced by Common Council members Joe Davis, Sr., Ashanti Hamilton, Milele A. Coggs, Jim Bohl, Mark A. Borkowski and José G. Pérez and approved by all members of the Milwaukee Common Council on March 29, 2016.***