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April 17, 2017

Honorable Common Council Members City Hall, Room 205

Re:

Resolution Authorizing Payment of a Judgment Entered

by U.S. Bankruptcy Court in lawsuit titled *Kevin C. Williams v. City of Milwaukee* 

Dear Honorable Council Members:

Enclosed please find a proposed resolution. We ask that it be introduced and referred to the Committee on Judiciary and Legislation for the Committee to take appropriate action, with the following recommendation.

The judgment in the above case (the "Judgment") resulted from an adversary proceeding (No. 11-02527) commenced by Kevin C. Williams (the "Plaintiff") within his Chapter 13 bankruptcy proceeding (Case No. 11-24658). The adversary proceeding sought to avoid a judgment of tax foreclosure (the "Tax Foreclosure Judgment") obtained by the City in respect of the Plaintiff's former property at 3202 North Sherman Boulevard (the "Property"). The bankruptcy court avoided the Tax Foreclosure Judgment and entered a money judgment, the Judgment, in favor of the Plaintiff in the amount of \$133,481.49, the value of the Property at the time of the Tax Foreclosure Judgment, as determined by the court.

The City appealed the entry of the Judgment by the bankruptcy court to the U.S. District Court. On March 28, 2017, the U.S. District Court affirmed the ruling of the bankruptcy court and entry of the Judgment. The City Attorney has determined no further appeal would be availing.

Statutory costs and post-judgment interest have been added to the Judgment amount in favor of the Plaintiff. To avoid the accrual of further post-judgment interest beyond the month of May, 2017, the City Attorney recommends payment

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of the Judgment, in the total amount of \$137,974.98, as soon as practically possible.

Upon receipt of this payment, the Plaintiff will provide the City with a receipt acknowledging payment in full and a Satisfaction of the Judgment.

Very truly yours,

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