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Resolution congratulating The Sisters of St. Francis of Assisi on their 175th anniversary.

WHEREAS,

THE SISTERS OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

are celebrating 175 years of history, faith, service, and educational leadership in Milwaukee throughout 2024, with an official celebratory Mass at St. Francis Convent in St. Francis, WI, on May 28; and

WHEREAS, *The Sisters of St. Francis of Assisi began in 1849 when 11 Franciscan lay Tertiaries and two priests from Ettenbeuren, Bavaria, answered Milwaukee Bishop John Henni's call for missionaries to serve the city's burgeoning German population; and*

WHEREAS, *The six women Tertiaries formed the first congregation of vowed Franciscan women founded in the United States, and over the past 175 years, have served the City of Milwaukee through educational leadership and pastoral ministry in dozens of Catholic parishes and schools and in the founding of the St. Ann Center for Intergenerational Care; and*

WHEREAS, *The Sisters of St. Francis of Assisi, in their 175 years of faithful ministry, were pioneers in the field of special education and unwavering in their advocacy for the poor, vulnerable, and disenfranchised of the City of Milwaukee and beyond; and*

WHEREAS, *Today, The Sisters of St. Francis of Assisi continue to partner with community service organizations that embrace Franciscan goals and values, bringing vital services to those most in need, all while remaining steadfastly committed to living the Gospel and their mission of caring for the needs of others; now, therefore, be it*

RESOLVED, *That the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee herewith congratulates The Sisters of St. Francis of Assisi on their 175th anniversary and thanks the Sisters for their positive historical, spiritual, charitable, and educational impact on the City of Milwaukee; and, be it*

FURTHER RESOLVED, *That a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to The Sisters of St. Francis of Assisi.*

Introduced by Common Council members Michael J. Murphy, JoCasta Zamarripa, Russell W. Stamper, II, Andrea M. Pratt, Scott Spiker, Milele A. Coggs, Mark A. Borkowski, Khalif J. Rainey, Mark Chambers, Jr., Robert J. Bauman, Lamont Westmoreland, Jonathan Brostoff, José G. Pérez and Larresa Taylor and approved by all members of the Milwaukee Common Council on February 27, 2024.