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*Resolution congratulating Molly E. Barrett on her retirement from the Milwaukee Public Schools.*

**WHEREAS,**

**MOLLY E. BARRETT**

*retired with pride and satisfaction as Director of Recreation with the Milwaukee Public Schools on June 25, 2015 after more than 35 years of dedicated service to the City of Milwaukee; and*

*WHEREAS, Molly E. Barrett dedicated 35 years to enhancing the quality of life for the residents of Milwaukee by providing opportunities for young people to live, grow and develop into contributing members of society; creating healthy life experiences for adults of the community; and generating opportunities for people to come together and experience a sense of community; and*

*WHEREAS, Molly E. Barrett began her career with the Milwaukee Public Schools (MPS) Recreation Department as a student intern and became a full time employee holding positions as a Community Recreation Specialist, Recreation Supervisor, Recreation Coordinator, Assistant Recreation Director, and Recreation Director; and*

*WHEREAS, Molly E. Barrett served as a longtime member of the Wisconsin Parks and Recreation Association which included chairing the Therapeutic Recreation section for three years and coordinating the annual conference, and she worked tirelessly on behalf of youth and community partners to implement and expand the driver's education program, Partnership for the Arts and Humanities, Safe Routes to Schools, Summer Meals, and before and after-school programming; and; and*

*WHEREAS, Molly E. Barrett was instrumental in the implementation of critical operational processes including online activity registration and automated employee time and attendance processing, to ensure customer needs were met and department operations were run efficiently, and she effectively managed the intricacies of Recreation Department Extension fund financing resulting in numerous cost savings and the successful management of millions in grant funding; and*

*WHEREAS, Molly E. Barrett served as a board member for the Survive Alive House advocating for fire education programs on behalf of MPS students, and played a lead role in the alignment of the district's 8 organizational strategies to the budget and strategic plan as a member of the Operational Planning Support Team; and*

*WHEREAS, Molly E. Barrett emulated a team-player mentality, pitching in wherever and whenever necessary, and served as a mentor to many fellow professionals through both formal and informal relationships, she devoted countless hours of service to ensure that all citizens enjoyed what MPS Recreation offered by taking part in their favorite sports, staying fit and healthy, spending time with family and friends, or just relaxing; now, therefore be it*

*RESOLVED that the City of Milwaukee does hereby proclaim June 25, 2015, as Molly E. Barrett day which will annually recognize and celebrate the dedication of a recreational professional in ensuring Milwaukee's residents are afforded the opportunity to realize the benefits derived year round from quality, public recreation.*

***Introduced by Common Council members Michael J. Murphy, Terry L. Witkowski, Jim Bohl, Milele A. Coggs, Russell W. Stamper, II, Tony Zielinski, Willie C. Wade, Ashanti Hamilton, Robert G. Donovan, Nik Kovac, and José G. Pérez and approved by all members of the Milwaukee Common Council on June 23, 2015.***