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Resolution recognizing Derick C. Jenkins for an act of bravery.

WHEREAS,

DERICK C. JENKINS

was honored during a special ceremony prior to the November 25, 2025 Common Council meeting at City Hall, recognizing his actions in October 2023, when he saved a student who was choking on a hamburger in the school cafeteria; and

WHEREAS, *Derick C. Jenkins, principal of Hi-Mount Community School in Milwaukee, was supervising the cafeteria during lunch in October 2023 when he saw a student begin choking on a piece of hamburger and struggling to breathe; and*

WHEREAS, *A paraprofessional had already begun assisting the student, but the obstruction remained lodged, and the situation quickly became critical as the student continued to gasp for air; and*

WHEREAS, *Derick Jenkins recognized he was in a unique position to help, and rushed quickly to the student, where he performed the Heimlich maneuver and successfully dislodged the food, thereby saving the student's life; and*

WHEREAS, *Derick Jenkins' outstandingly quick thinking, bravery, and calm, trained response exemplify the very best of the Milwaukee Public Schools community, and this incident is a shining example of ideal crisis response from a school leader who acted decisively in a frightening situation; and*

WHEREAS, *Derick Jenkins' courage prevented a potential tragedy in the cafeteria, and his compassion and dedication left the student calling him a hero and a "superhero," while the school community expressed deep gratitude for his actions; now, therefore, be it*

RESOLVED, *That the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee herewith recognizes and commends Derick C. Jenkins for his courage, concern, and bravery, and extends its sincere appreciation on behalf of the community, and wishes for him continued health and happiness; and, be it*

FURTHER RESOLVED, *That a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to Derick C. Jenkins, an exemplary citizen and hero.*

Introduced by Common Council members Russell W. Stamper II, DiAndre Jackson, José G. Pérez, Andrea M. Pratt, Mark Chambers, Jr., Robert Bauman, Lamont Westmoreland, Milele A. Coggs, JoCasta Zamarripa, Larresa Taylor, Scott Spiker, Marina Dimitrijevic, Sharlen P. Moore, Peter Burgelis and approved by all members of the Milwaukee Common Council on November 25, 2025.