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Resolution congratulating Gretchen Mead on her retirement as executive director of the Victory Garden Initiative.

WHEREAS,

GRETCHEN MEAD

retired as executive director of the Victory Garden Initiative on June 30, 2019 after 10 years of fulfilling the group's mission to educate Milwaukee residents about the value of growing their own food; and

WHEREAS, *Gretchen Mead started the Victory Garden Initiative in 2009 with a small group of friends who recognized the negative environmental, social, economic and health implications of the dominant food production system; and*

WHEREAS, *Gretchen Mead and the Victory Garden Initiative have built thousands of gardens, created a thriving community farm and educated hundreds of children and adults about the value of growing food in the decade since the group's creation; and*

WHEREAS, *Gretchen Mead led the Victory Garden Initiative in the group's successful effort to acquire a historic property at 249 E. Concordia Ave. last year, and has since received the funding needed to revitalize the building and install a community kitchen; and*

WHEREAS, *Gretchen Mead richly and justly earned the enduring praise, respect and gratitude of her coworkers, friends, family and the community at large for her dedication to promoting the growth of environmentally conscious and healthy food throughout Milwaukee; now, therefore, be it*

RESOLVED, *That the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee herewith congratulates Gretchen Mead on her retirement from the Victory Garden Initiative, extends its appreciation on behalf of the community and wishes for her a happy and healthy future; and, be it*

FURTHER RESOLVED, *That a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to Gretchen Mead.*

Introduced by Common Council members Milele A. Coggs, Ashanti Hamilton, Russell W. Stamper, II, Mark A. Borkowski, José G. Pérez, Chantia Lewis, Khalif J. Rainey, Cavalier Johnson and Nikiya Dodd and approved by all members of the Milwaukee Common Council on July 9, 2019.