

*BY ALDS. COGGS, PEREZ, BORKOWSKI*

*Resolution expressing condolences to the family and friends of Dr. Frances Cress Welsing, who passed from this life on January 2, 2016.*

**WHEREAS,**

**DR. FRANCES CRESS WELSING**

*passed from this life on January 2, 2016, at the age of 80, and her legacy was celebrated on February 6, 2016 in Chicago; and*

**WHEREAS,** *A native of Chicago who graduated from Antioch College and Howard University's medical school, Dr. Frances Cress Welsing rose to prominence after publishing an essay in 1970 titled "The Cress Theory of Color-Confrontation and Racism (White Supremacy)"; and*

**WHEREAS,** *A practicing psychiatrist by trade, Dr. Frances Cress Welsing spent decades working at hospitals in Washington, where she was a physician for the Department of Human Services, and as the clinical director of two schools for emotionally troubled children, and she helped further the discussion of mental health issues and racial disparities in the black community; and*

**WHEREAS,** *A vocal advocate for civil rights, Dr. Frances Cress Welsing appeared on numerous TV programs to help drive discussion of the important topics she studied, worked toward understanding racism to further her work as a psychiatrist, promoted a straightforward dialogue on race in the United States of America, worked to deconstruct patriarchy in society, and was even cited by Chuck D of Public Enemy as an inspiration for the album "Fear of a Black Planet" in 1990; now therefore, be it*

**RESOLVED,** *That the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee herewith expresses its condolences to the family and friends of Dr. Frances Cress Welsing, and mourns with deep sorrow the passing of this fine woman; and, be it*

**FURTHER RESOLVED,** *That a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to the family of Dr. Frances Cress Welsing.*

**Introduced by Common Council members Milele A. Coggs, José G. Pérez and Mark A. Borkowski and approved by all members of the Milwaukee Common Council on February 9, 2016.**