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Resolution expressing condolences for the family and friends of Brenda Ward.

WHEREAS,

BRENDA WARD

passed from this life on June 12, 2025 at the age of 77 and services were held for family and friends on June 25, 2025 at St. Mark AME Church, 1616 W. Atkinson Ave.; and

WHEREAS, *Brenda R. Ward lived by the unwavering moral compass of the Golden Rule - Do unto others as you would have them do unto you - and exemplified the powerful ethos that to whom much is given, much is required, embodying these values through decades of selfless service to Milwaukee County and beyond; and*

WHEREAS, *Ms. Ward devoted her life to uplifting the most vulnerable in our community—children, families, and those facing mental health and medical challenges—by shaping and leading transformative social service programs and educational initiatives that set a gold standard for compassion, inclusivity, and professional excellence; and*

WHEREAS, *Brenda Ward, through her pioneering leadership at the Milwaukee School Board and later in community-based health and wellness efforts, she championed equity, access, and culturally informed care for underserved populations, often standing at the forefront of urgent issues such as HIV education, mental health advocacy, and child welfare reform; and*

WHEREAS, *Ms. Ward's impact extended far beyond her profession, touching nearly every corner of civic life—from mentoring future social workers and volunteering through faith-based and sororal organizations to advocating for institutional change on national platforms; now, therefore, be it*

RESOLVED, *That the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee herewith offers its sincere condolences to the family members and friends of Brenda Ward, and mourns the passing of this dedicated community member and upstanding woman; and, be it*

FURTHER RESOLVED, *That a suitably engrossed copy of the resolution be presented to the family of Brenda Ward.*

Introduced by Common Council members Milele A. Coggs, Mark Chambers, Jr., José G. Pérez, Andrea M. Pratt, DiAndre Jackson, Robert Bauman, Lamont Westmoreland, JoCasta Zamarripa, Sharlen P. Moore, Scott Spiker, Alex Brower and Russell W. Stamper, II and approved by all members of the Milwaukee Common Council on July 15, 2025.