

BY THE COMMON COUNCIL

Resolution recognizing Terry L. Witkowski for his decades of dedicated service to the City of Milwaukee.

**WHEREAS,**

## **TERRY L. WITKOWSKI**

*has served the City of Milwaukee with distinction for nearly his entire adult life, and was formally recognized for his exemplary service during a special presentation at City Hall on March 19, 2024; and*

**WHEREAS,** *At age 24, Terry L. Witkowski started working for the City Safety Commission presenting safety programs in elementary schools and supervising half the city's crossing guards north of North Avenue, and at 26, he was promoted to manage the program (making him the youngest person to run a city-wide City of Milwaukee program) and started new programming, including writing materials for teachers, children, parents and drivers, and achieving a 50% reduction in child pedestrian accidents; and*

**WHEREAS,** *At age 42, Terry was appointed Safety Director for the Milwaukee Safety Commission, starting new programs and enlisting partners to improve safety in the city, and during this time the city saw a reduction of crashes by a third and record lows for traffic fatalities (the efforts were successful and nationally recognized); and*

**WHEREAS,** *Shortly after winning election in 2003 to the Milwaukee Common Council as 13<sup>th</sup> District Alderman, Alderman Terry L. Witkowski passed a resolution officially designating the 13<sup>th</sup> Aldermanic District as the City's Garden District in recognition of the district's rich gardening tradition and the many active gardeners that resided in the district, and in addition, Alderman Witkowski -- alongside a dedicated group of 13<sup>th</sup> District residents and volunteers -- worked to transform a plot of vacant land near S. 6<sup>th</sup> St. and W. Howard Ave. into a thriving community garden and green technology space that city and district residents continue to enjoy and expand to this day; and*

**WHEREAS,** *After retiring from office in May 2019, Terry became an active volunteer leader with the Garden District Neighborhood Association, community garden, several holiday events, and other quality of life events successful and beneficial to residents of the area and to many across the city, and also served as a member of the Board of Zoning Appeals; and*

**WHEREAS,** *In February 2024, Alderman Scott Spiker sponsored a resolution (Common Council File #231698) that called for the honorary renaming of Norwich Street between S. 6<sup>th</sup> Street and S. 5<sup>th</sup> Place as 'Alderman Terry L. Witkowski' in honor of his predecessor, and by assigning the honorary street name, Alderman Spiker hoped to officially honor Alderman Witkowski's tremendous work in creating the Garden District and recognize the former alderman's many positive contributions to the 13<sup>th</sup> District and the City of Milwaukee, and the file received unanimous final approval by the Milwaukee Common Council on March 19, 2024; now, therefore, be it*

**RESOLVED,** *That the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee herewith recognizes Terry L. Witkowski for his service to his city and community, thanks him for his dedication and positive efforts, and recognizes him for his selfless and unwavering commitment to the City of Milwaukee; and, be it*

**FURTHER RESOLVED,** *That a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to Terry L. Witkowski, an outstanding citizen and leader.*

**Introduced and approved by all members of the Milwaukee Common Council on March 19, 2024: Scott Spiker, Andrea M. Pratt, Mark Chambers, Jr., Jonathan Brostoff, Robert J. Bauman, Lamont Westmoreland, Milele A. Coggs, Khalif J. Rainey, JoCasta Zamarripa, Larresa Taylor, Michael J. Murphy, Mark A. Borkowski, José G. Pérez, Marina Dimitrijevic, and Russell W. Stamper, II.**