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*Resolution congratulating Alicja Newell for receiving the 2014 Congressman Clement Zablocki Civic Achievement Award presented by the Wisconsin State Division of the Polish American Congress.*

**WHEREAS,**

**ALICJA NEWELL**

*were awarded the 2014 Congressman Clement Zablocki Civic Achievement Award by the Wisconsin State Division of the Polish American Congress on November 2, 2014 at the 18<sup>th</sup> annual Polish Independence Day/Veterans Day luncheon at the Polish Center of Wisconsin; and*

**WHEREAS,** *Born in London, England, Alicja Newell and her parents migrated to the United States and settled in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, where the Polish National Alliance and Polish Combatants became an extended family to Alicja and her World War II- Veteran parents; and*

**WHEREAS,** *Alicja Newell attended St. Francis High School on Milwaukee's south side and pursued a liberal arts degree at the University of Wisconsin Milwaukee, where she met her husband Thomas Newell; and*

**WHEREAS,** *In 1983, Alicja Newell served as Syrena's president for seven years and later became treasurer, which she still remains today; and*

**WHEREAS,** *Alicja Newell originated the 'Swiecone' Easter Buffet and the 'Bal Maskowy' core events and co-founded the 'Syrenka' Polish Children's Folk Dance Ensemble along with Bernadette Swider; and*

**WHEREAS,** *Alicja Newell served on the ethnic dance committee for the International Institute of Wisconsin and teaches dance with her daughter at the Holiday Folk Fair's Education Day every year; and*

**WHEREAS,** *Having lost her father and husband to cancer, Alicja Nowell continues to keep active in cultural organizations to give her and her daughter a continued sense of who they are and where they came from; now, therefore, be it*

**RESOLVED,** *That the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee herewith congratulates Alicja Newell on being honored with the Congressman Clement Zablocki Civic Achievement Award from the Wisconsin PAC, recognizes her for her dedication to her Polish heritage and wishes for her continued health and happiness; and, be it*

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

*Introduced by Common Council members Joe Dudzik, Terry L. Witkowski, Tony Zielinski, Jim Bohl, Robert G. Donovan, Milele A. Coggs, Robert W. Puente, Willie L. Hines, Jr., José G. Pérez and Michael J. Murphy and approved by all members of the Milwaukee Common Council on October 14, 2014.*