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Resolution recognizing Antonia Drew-Norton on her 70th birthday.

WHEREAS,

ANTONIA DREW-NORTON

celebrated her 70th birthday with friends and family on January 11, 2025 in Milwaukee; and

WHEREAS, *Antonia Drew-Norton is founder of Asha Family Services, Inc. (later known as the Asha Project), an entity specifically designed to serve the needs of African Americans, and formed it to be a comprehensive, integrated system of support provided by women who share a common ancestry, experiences, culture and spiritual practices; and*

WHEREAS, *Antonia Drew-Norton, a survivor herself, has been a pillar in the city of Milwaukee since 1985, serving thousands of survivors in the area of family and intimate partner violence, and she has actively contributed not only on the local level, but also within state and national efforts to end violence against women and children; and*

WHEREAS, *Antonia Drew-Norton has been an innovator in programming in the city of Milwaukee, spearheading such programs as Domestic Violence Crisis intervention teams (in which advocates rode with MPD officers to respond to domestic violence crime scenes), negotiating a DV Victim Services space stationed in the Milwaukee County District Attorney's Office, providing Domestic/Sexual Violence victim services along with Drug/Mental Health Counseling to pregnant women in the Milwaukee County Jail, helping provide Transitional Housing for Victims of Domestic/Sexual Violence, and stationing in the Central Health Clinic Asha personnel who provided STI, HIV/AIDS education, testing and counseling to possible DV victims seen at the clinic; and*

WHEREAS, *Antonia Drew-Norton proudly advocated for the inclusion of culturally-responsive treatment approaches for victims and perpetrators of domestic violence who are people of color, and operating under the philosophy that the total person – mind, body and spirit – must be recognized and attended to for restoration; and*

WHEREAS, *Antonia Drew-Norton's work in Milwaukee can be summed up as a Labor of Love in which she ministered to survivors and perpetrators alike, and she believed in the strengthening and preservation of the Black Family and the healing of underserved populations that have suffered from trauma associated with the effects of intimate partner and family violence; now, therefore, be it*

RESOLVED, *That the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee herewith congratulates Antonia Drew-Norton on her 70th birthday and extends for her its sincere wishes for continued health and happiness; and, be it*

FURTHER RESOLVED, *That a suitably engrossed copy of the resolution be presented to Antonia Drew-Norton in recognition of her 70th birthday.*

Introduced by Common Council members Russell W. Stamper, II, Mark Chambers, Jr., Andrea M. Pratt, Milele A. Coggs, Lamont Westmoreland, Larresa Taylor, José G. Pérez, Robert J. Bauman,

JoCasta Zamarripa, Sharlen P. Moore, and Scott Spiker and approved by all members of the Milwaukee Common Council on January 21, 2025.