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Resolution expressing condolences for the family and friends of Dresidan McKinley Gatlin.

WHEREAS,

DRESIDAN McKINLEY GATLIN

passed from this life on April 30, 2025 at the age of 45, and services were held for family and friends at Tabernacle Community Baptist Church, 2500 W. Medford Ave., on May 24, 2025; and

***WHEREAS,** Dresidan McKinley Gatlin, was born on September 11, 1979 in Memphis, to Lonzo and Madaline (Warren) Gatlin, graduated from Forest City High School in 1998, and graduated from Northeastern State University with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Advertising in 2006; and*

***WHEREAS,** Dresidan always loved church, especially singing, and he attended many of the GOGIC midnight praise and worship services, and was baptized at an early age by his father while attending Prosperity Missionary Baptist Church; and*

***WHEREAS,** In March 2003, he married Meleah Perry in Stilwell, OK, and to this union Kin (2003) and Madison (2005) were born, and on June 2, 2006, he was initiated into Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. - Zeta Rho Chapter at Northeastern State University in Tallesquah, Oklahoma; and*

***WHEREAS,** Dresidan moved to Milwaukee in March 2014 to embark on his next life chapter, starting his career as an administrative coordinator at the Boys and Girls Club of Greater Milwaukee, where he held roles of increasing responsibility and was eventually promoted to Senior Area Manager (he was also a member of the Brookfield Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. and the National Association of Black Journalists Milwaukee chapter); and*

***WHEREAS,** On June 16, 2018, in front of friends, family and loved ones, Dresidan married the love of his life, Gerald Hyler, at the Milwaukee Yacht Club, and together they trekked around the world, across Milwaukee and everywhere else in between, and their love transcended borders and generations, and they were inseparable and side by side up until Gatlin's very last moments on this earth; and*

***WHEREAS,** Dresidan McKinley Gatlin was predeceased by his mother, Madaline, and leaves behind his husband Gerald, his children Kin and Madison, son Reggie Hyler, adopted daughter Kisha Keeney, his father Lonzo, mother Donna, sister Raquel Brown, brothers Demarcus Gatlin and Lawrence Brittenum, sister and brother in law Brigitte and Butch Richerson, and niece Shatterra, as well as many other loving family members and friends; 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 Dresidan McKinley Gatlin, and mourns the passing of this dedicated community member and upstanding man; and, be it*

***FURTHER RESOLVED,** That a suitably engrossed copy of the resolution be presented to the family of Dresidan McKinley Gatlin.*

Introduced by Common Council members Andrea M. Pratt, Milele A. Coggs, José G. Pérez, Robert Bauman, Mark Chambers, Jr., 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 June 3, 2025.