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Resolution congratulating The Westlawn Resident Council for being named the Resident Council of the Year by the National Alliance of Resident Services in Affordable and Assisted Housing.

WHEREAS,

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was named Residence Council of the Year by the National Alliance of Resident Services in Affordable and Assisted Housing at the 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Resident Services and Resident Leaders' Conference on September 20, 2018 in Charlotte, North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, The Westlawn Resident Council was recognized for its work engaging Westlawn residents in the planning and implementation of the redevelopment of the neighborhood, including recruiting residents to attend planning meetings and providing guidance concerning resident needs; and

**WHEREAS**, The Council's resident guidance initiatives helped to realize defining elements of the neighborhood, including the MPL Express Library, healthy homes for people with respiratory illnesses, the community gardens, parks, playgrounds, and walking trails; and

WHEREAS, The Westland Resident Council continually engaged residents through special events including: "I Love Westlawn" Valentine's Day reunion potluck and the "Honoring Our Mothers" dinner earlier this year, both celebrating the history of Westlawn and the relationships developed there, and through events promoting the community such MPTV's "Around the Corner with John McGivern," a media tour with WUWM's Lake Effect, and a Jane's Walk earlier this year; and

WHEREAS, The Westlawn Resident Council's remarkable work to improve the progress and wellbeing of the community helped Westlawn Gardens to achieve the HUD Secretary's Opportunity & Empowerment National Planning Award from the American Planning Association earlier this year; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee herewith recognizes The Westlawn Resident Council for being honored as the Resident Council of the Year and wishes for the Council's continued success in its future endeavors; and, be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED**, That a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to The Westlawn Resident Council.

Introduced by Common Council members Cavalier Johnson, Ashanti Hamilton, Milele A. Coggs, Russell W. Stamper, II, Mark A. Borkowski, Terry L. Witkowski, José G. Pérez, Chantia Lewis, and Khalif J. Rainey, and approved by all members of the Milwaukee Common Council on October 16, 2018.