

BY ALDS. HAMILTON, COGGS, PEREZ, BORKOWSKI, BOHL, LEWIS

*Resolution recognizing Reverend Gerri Sheets-Howard for her service as the Pastor of Bradford Memorial African Methodist Episcopal Church.*

**WHEREAS,**

## **REVEREND GERRI SHEETS- HOWARD**

*serves as the Pastor of Bradford Memorial African Methodist Episcopal Church, 478 N. 24<sup>th</sup> St.; and*

**WHEREAS,** *Reverend Gerri Sheets-Howard, a native Milwaukeean, graduated from West Division High School (1977), Lakeland College (1986), Cardinal Stritch University (2006) and Central Baptist Theological Seminary (2013), and because she grew up in the community, she has a great understanding and passion for its people and their needs; and*

**WHEREAS,** *Reverend Gerri Sheets-Howard is the Administrative Director of Capuchin Community Services at the House of Peace, overseeing staff, volunteers and programs, and she was previously ordained an elder in the African Methodist Episcopal Church in 2011, where she was also ordained a deacon in 2001, and she also previously served as an Associate Minister at St. Mark African Methodist Episcopal Church; and*

**WHEREAS,** *Reverend Gerri Sheets-Howard is an ambitious woman of God, always striving to do her best with her gifts, talents and vision, and she will be pursuing her Doctorate degree in January 2017; and*

**WHEREAS,** *Reverend Gerri Sheets-Howard is the loving wife of Melvin Howard (married in 1987), and together they have two wonderful and ambitious sons, Joshua and Isaiah Howard; now, therefore, be it*

**RESOLVED,** *That the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee formally recognizes Reverend Gerri Sheets-Howard, thanks her for her contributions to the city and wishes for her continued success, happiness and health; and, be it*

**FURTHER RESOLVED,** *That a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to Reverend Gerri Sheets-Howard, an exemplary spiritual leader and member of the community.*

*Introduced by Common Council members Ashanti Hamilton, Milele A. Coggs, José G. Pérez, Mark A. Borkowski, Jim Bohl and Chantia Lewis and approved by all members of the Milwaukee Common Council on September 20, 2016.*