

BY THE COMMON COUNCIL

WHEREAS,

JOSEPH A. "JOE" DUDZIK

passed from this life at age 56 on May 22, 2015, and a Mass of Christian Burial was held on May 27, 2015 at St. Matthias Church, 9306 W. Beloit Rd.; and

WHEREAS, *Elected in a special election on April 2, 2002, Alderman Joe Dudzik won his first race for elected office and served as 11th District alderman after winning his seat again in 2004, 2008 and 2012; and*

WHEREAS, *A graduate of Hamilton High School, Joe Dudzik attended the University of Wisconsin-Madison, UW-Waukesha and Milwaukee Area Technical College, and served the Department of Public Works for more than 20 years prior to his election to the Common Council; and*

WHEREAS, *Joe founded and has served as chair of the Euclid Park Neighborhood Association, and also served as treasurer of the Crime Prevention Neighborhood Advisory Council for the 6th Police District, and his selfless work in the community has included service as a volunteer for the Special Olympics, as a youth softball and soccer coach and as an instructor at the Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Milwaukee; and*

WHEREAS, *Joe was a quintessential son of Milwaukee, and he approached his job with a blue-collar sensibility, humility, a great sense of humor and an intense work ethic, and he always did his homework, threw himself into his job and never sought recognition for his good deeds; and*

WHEREAS, *Joe provided valuable counsel to his colleagues about the inner workings of DPW and its processes and practices, and he didn't believe in speaking on issues when it wasn't necessary and didn't lightly offer an opinion; but when he did speak, it was always from the position of a well-thought-out conviction; he was never shy about sharing those convictions, but he was respectful and didn't take disagreements personally; and*

WHEREAS, *Joe Dudzik was the beloved husband of Lynn and the loving and proud father of Jacob and Jeffrey, and he leaves to cherish his memory a host of other loving relatives, friends, colleagues and coworkers; now, therefore, be it*

RESOLVED, *That the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee herewith expresses its condolences to the family and friends of Joseph A. "Joe" Dudzik, and mourns with deep sorrow the passing of this fine man; and, be it*

FURTHER RESOLVED, *That a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to the family of Joseph A. "Joe" Dudzik.*

Introduced and approved by all members of the Milwaukee Common Council on June 2, 2015: Michael J. Murphy, Ashanti Hamilton, Joe Davis, Sr., Nik Kovac, Robert J. Bauman, Jim Bohl, Milele A. Coggs, Willie C. Wade, Robert G. Donovan, Robert W. Puente, José G. Pérez, Terry L. Witkowski, Tony Zielinski and Russell W. Stamper, II.