

Resolution congratulating Miriam Horwitz on her retirement from the Milwaukee City Attorney's Office

WHEREAS,

MIRIAM HORWITZ

Retired on November 4, 2020 after more than 20 years of service with the City; and

WHEREAS, Miriam Horwitz has represented the City of Milwaukee and its various departments, the Housing Authority of the City of Milwaukee and the Milwaukee Board of School Directors in numerous legal matters in the courts of this state on a variety of subjects; and

WHEREAS, Miriam Horwitz became an Assistant City Attorney on January 31, 2000, and was promoted to the position of Deputy City Attorney on March 2, 2014; and

WHEREAS, Miriam Horwitz represented government lawyers across the state as a board member and President of the State Bar of Wisconsin's Government Lawyers Division and as a member of the State Bar's Board of Governors; and

WHEREAS, Miriam Horwitz spearheaded the effort to create a diversity clerkship position in the City Attorney's Office for first year law students and, in 2019, was the first recipient of the Diversity and Inclusion Trailblazer Award from the State Bar of Wisconsin Diversity & Inclusion Oversight Committee; and

WHEREAS, during her career in the City Attorney's Office, Miriam Horwitz became one of the world's foremost experts on terra cotta while representing the City in the case of the failing City Hall facade; and

WHEREAS, Miriam Horwitz argued the case of *Black v. City of Milwaukee*, 369 Wis.2d 272 (2016), before the Wisconsin Supreme Court, and although ultimately unsuccessful, she fought hard in the City's effort to preserve home rule and residency requirements for the City of Milwaukee; and

WHEREAS, Miriam Horwitz played a significant role in assisting City departments, most notably the Department of Employee Relations and the Health Department with the City's COVID-19 pandemic response; and

WHEREAS, Miriam Horwitz is the proud mom of a young woman lawyer; and

WHEREAS, Miriam Horwitz is a cat-lover who will be missed on virtual meetings where her two adorable cats can often be heard and seen in the background; and

WHEREAS, Miriam Horwitz has enriched the City Attorney's Office with her dedication to the City of Milwaukee, her calm under pressure attitude, her knowledge of the law and her guidance in times of crisis and will be missed by her colleagues and coworkers; and

WHEREAS, Miriam Horwitz has proven to be an exemplary citizen and public servant; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee congratulates Miriam Horwitz on her retirement from the City Attorney's Office, extends its appreciation on behalf of the community, and wishes her a long and happy retirement; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to Miriam Horwitz.