

BY THE COMMON COUNCIL

Resolution recognizing and thanking Alderman Willie C. Wade, who is leaving the Common Council after 13 years of distinguished public service as 7th District Alderman.

WHEREAS,

ALDERMAN WILLIE C. WADE

dutifully served the citizens of Milwaukee as 7th District Alderman, and retired from office on February 1, 2016; and

WHEREAS, *Alderman Willie C. Wade was first elected to office during a special election held on April 1, 2003, and was elected to his fourth term with 98% of the vote in the April 2012 spring election, and to date is the only alderman in the history of the City of Milwaukee to defeat four other (three former and one incumbent) Council members in a race for office; and*

WHEREAS, *Prior to his election to the Council, Alderman Wade spent 19 years as an employee of Milwaukee Public Schools, including 15 years working with special education students, and was a member of SEIU for 10 years and is a longtime member of MTEA; and*

WHEREAS, *Alderman Wade is the founder and chair of the highly successful annual Fresh Coast Basketball Classic and College Resource Fair, and he created a college scholarship fund in 2003 for inner city youth that has awarded more than \$30,000 in scholarships to area youth; and*

WHEREAS, *Working with police and residents, Alderman Wade spearheaded innovative and successful efforts to combat and eliminate cruising, worked tirelessly to help address devastating flooding issues and to help residents affected by floodwaters, and during his tenure has made development across Milwaukee and in his district a key priority, helping to attract more than \$100 million worth of investment in the 7th Aldermanic District for developments while in office; and*

WHEREAS, *Alderman Wade has served on numerous boards and commissions, including with the Local Initiative Support Corporation (LISC), as a longtime Commissioner on the board of the Redevelopment Authority of the City of Milwaukee (RACM), as a Commissioner of the Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District (MMSD), as a member of the Milwaukee Area Workforce Investment Board (MAWIB), as chair of the Century City Redevelopment Corp. (CCRC), as an Environmental Justice Task Force Liaison for the Advisory Committee for SEWRPC, and on nearly all of the Council's standing committees, including as a member and vice chair of the Zoning, Neighborhoods and Development Committee, and as a member of the Community & Economic Development and Public Works Committees; now, therefore, be it*

RESOLVED, *That the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee herewith recognizes and thanks Willie C. Wade for 13 years of distinguished public service as 7th District Alderman, extends its appreciation on behalf of the community for his dedicated public service, and wishes for him a happy, healthy and prosperous future; and, be it*

FURTHER RESOLVED, *That a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to Willie C. Wade, an exemplary public servant.*

Introduced and approved on February 9, 2016 by all members of the Milwaukee Common Council: Michael J. Murphy, Ashanti Hamilton, Joe Davis, Sr., Nik Kovac, Robert Bauman, Jim Bohl, Milele A. Coggs, Robert G. Donovan, Robert W. Puente, Mark A. Borkowski, José G. Pérez, Terry L. Witkowski, Tony Zielinski and Russell W. Stamper, II.