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*Resolution congratulating the Friends of Walker Square Park on being selected as the 2024 Friend Group of the Year by The Park People*

**WHEREAS,**

## **FRIENDS OF WALKER SQUARE PARK**

*Was named the 2024 Friend Group of the Year by The Park People in recognition of their outstanding commitment to revitalizing one of Milwaukee's oldest public parks; and*

**WHEREAS,** *Walker Square Park, located in the heart of Milwaukee's South Side, has served as a highly utilized community gathering space since 1836, the park has historically offered green space, sense of community, and the cultural celebration for generations of residents, specifically Milwaukee's Latino communities; and*

**WHEREAS,** *The Friends of Walker Square Park was formally established in 2023 to preserve and enhance the park for enjoyment of present and future generations, the group was founded from community leaders and local residents who wanted to revitalize the historic park and ensure that it reflected the community's vibrant spirit; and*

**WHEREAS,** *Friends of Walker Square Park have demonstrated their strong commitment to the park through initiatives including hosting a summer farmers market that supports local vendors, organizing community cleanups, and park projects to improve the park that include advocating for infrastructure improvements and utilizing the park space with multicultural events; now, therefore, be it*

**RESOLVED,** *That the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee herewith offers its congratulations to the Friends of Walker Square Park on being named the 2024 Friend Group of the Year by The Park People, and thanks them for their daily dedication, service and commitment to excellence; and, be it*

**FURTHER RESOLVED,** *That a suitably engrossed copy of the resolution be presented to the Friends of Walker Square Park.*

**Introduced by Common Council members José G. Pérez, Andrea M. Pratt, Milele A. Coggs, Robert Bauman, Mark Chambers, Jr., Lamont Westmoreland, JoCasta Zamarripa, Sharlen P. Moore, Scott Spiker, Alex Brower and Russell W. Stamper, II and approved by all members of the Milwaukee Common Council on July 15, 2025.**