

BY ALDS. HAMILTON, DAVIS, COGGS, BOHL

Resolution recognizing Gracelyn Wilson for her contributions to the community and to the Northwest Side Community Development Corp.

WHEREAS,

GRACELYN WILSON

was honored for her many valuable contributions to the community and for her years of dedicated service to the Northwest Side Community Development Corp. during a special farewell event on November 20, 2014; and

WHEREAS, *Gracelyn Wilson has served with distinction as the community organizer for the Northwest Side Community Development Corp. for the past 13 years, and through her knowledge of organizing, planning and implementation of programs, she has established and maintained more than 20 Block Watches across the northwest side of Milwaukee, and has organized more than 25 community events, including peace marches, rallies, Town Hall meetings, and community listening sessions; and*

WHEREAS, *Gracelyn Wilson studied at The Fashion Institution of Design and Merchandise, Los Angeles, and Springfield College of Human Services, and has extensive experience working at or with several community based organizations, including Community Partners, the YWCA, and Girl Scouts of Milwaukee Area; and*

WHEREAS, *Gracelyn Wilson is the founder/ executive director of West Coast Connections, a youth promotions and consulting company (based in Las Vegas) with a mission to empower youth to become leaders of character, vision and action in their communities by challenging their creativity and equipping them with practical, confidence-building activities to allow them to display their talents, and she has overseen WCC's planning and execution of several youth events, rallies, conferences, workshops and "Safe-Night Lock-Ins" in Milwaukee and Las Vegas; and*

WHEREAS, *Gracelyn is also a dedicated teacher and educational professional with expertise in implementing differential instruction and has extensive work teaching at-risk students as well as severely emotionally challenged (SEC) students, and has achieved notable success in providing students with the tools and skills required to build and advance toward a framework of success; now, therefore, be it*

RESOLVED, *That the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee herewith commends Gracelyn Wilson for her dedication and service, thanks her for her contributions to the Northwest Side Community Development Corp. and the community as a whole, and extends best wishes for her continued success and well-being; and, be it*

FURTHER RESOLVED, *That a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to Gracelyn Wilson.*

Introduced by Common Council members Ashanti Hamilton, Joe Davis, Sr., Milele A. Coggs and Jim Bohl and approved by all members of the Milwaukee Common Council on November 25, 2014.