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*Resolution recognizing January 26 as Kawasaki Disease Awareness Day*

**WHEREAS,**

# **KAWASAKI DISEASE AWARENESS DAY**

*was recognized by the City of Milwaukee on January 26, 2026, as Common Council members and others vowed to increase the awareness and education of Kawasaki Disease to support affected children and families; and*

**WHEREAS,** *Kawasaki Disease is a rare and life-threatening pediatric inflammatory condition which usually affects children less than 5 years of age, and without a specific test it is difficult to diagnosis among common childhood illnesses, often following a “diagnosis of elimination” based on symptoms and physical findings; and*

**WHEREAS,** *Kawasaki Disease remains an area of active research and discovery as the leading cause of acquired heart disease in children in the U.S., however, early recognition and treatment are life-saving and significantly reduce the risk of long-term cardiac complications; and*

**WHEREAS,** *While the number of cases each year is small, the potential consequences for affected children and families are profound, and now Kawasaki Disease is a legally reportable condition to the Health Department in state of Wisconsin; and*

**WHEREAS,** *Children’s Wisconsin has partnered with the Herma Heart Institute to provide close to home care for those affected throughout clinic locations across the state; and*

**WHEREAS,** *The community must work together in commitment to the health of families and caregivers in Milwaukee to ensure they are informed and empowered to advocate for timely medical treatment for their children and now, therefore, be it*

**RESOLVED,** *That the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee recognizes January 26, 2026 as Kawasaki Disease Awareness Day which is promoted by increased education and conversation to promote a broader public understanding of the disease and pediatric health.*

**Introduced by Common Council members José G. Pérez, Andrea M. Pratt, Mark Chambers, Jr., Alex Brower, Robert Bauman, Lamont Westmoreland, Milele A. Coggs, DiAndre Jackson, Larresa Taylor, Sharlen. P. Moore, Scott Spiker, Russell W. Stamper, II, and approved by all members of the Milwaukee Common Council on February 10, 2026.**