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*Resolution expressing recognition for an active volunteer and civic-minded woman, Maggie Blaha.*

**WHEREAS,**

## **MAGGIE BLAHA**

*has dedicated a substantial portion of her life to the betterment of the life of her neighborhood as a founder and longtime President of the Martin Drive Neighborhood Association (MDNA) and as a longtime member of the Shamrock Club; and*

**WHEREAS,** *Maggie Blaha is celebrating 49 years of living in the Martin Drive Neighborhood, where she first rented an apartment on Martin Drive, met and married Tom Blaha and then moved to N. 45<sup>th</sup> St. where they raised a family of three children; and*

**WHEREAS,** *Maggie Blaha was a 4<sup>th</sup> grade teacher at St Sebastian's School from 1988 to 2003 and influenced the learning and development of more 400 4th graders during her tenure, and after retiring from teaching, she worked as a part-time librarian at St. Seb's from 2003-2011 and volunteered in the office from 2011 to 2019; and*

**WHEREAS,** *Maggie Blaha, one of the founders of the original Neighborhood Association back in 1988, has enjoyed and contributed in so many ways during every year of her life in the Martin Drive Neighborhood, and when the Martin Drive neighbors think about what a good neighbor is, Maggie is the example; and*

**WHEREAS,** *Martin Drive Neighborhood meetings were conducted in an informal group of neighbors from every block that met in the basement of the Blaha home for at least 20 years, and there, neighbors worked together toward improving the neighborhood and helping and inspiring neighbors to do the same; and*

**WHEREAS,** *Maggie has been active in her church, St Sebastian's, and many other civic organizations, and she has been active in the Shamrock Club since moving to Milwaukee; now, therefore, be it*

**RESOLVED,** *That the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee herewith recognizes Maggie Blaha for her excellent community involvement with the MDNA, and expresses its thanks for her valuable contributions to her neighborhood and to the City of Milwaukee; and, be it*

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

**Introduced by Common Council members Michael J. Murphy, Khalif J. Rainey, José G. Pérez, Ashanti Hamilton, Milele A. Coggs, Russell W. Stamper, II, Mark A. Borkowski, Chantia Lewis, Scott Spiker, Cavalier Johnson and Nikiya Dodd and approved by all members of the Milwaukee Common Council on May 4, 2021.**