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*Resolution expressing condolences to the family and friends of Victoria M. “Vicki” Thorn.*

**WHEREAS,**

## **VICTORIA M. “VICKI” THORN**

*passed from this life on April 20, 2022 at the age of 72, and a Mass of Christian Burial was held on April 30, 2022 at St. Catherine Church, 5101 W. Center St.; and*

**WHEREAS,** *Victoria M. “Vicki” Thorn was the daughter of Tony and Agnes Mrozik, and founded Project Rachel, a pioneering post-abortion reconciliation and healing program in the Catholic Church; and*

**WHEREAS,** *An incredibly compassionate person, Vicki Thorn created Project Rachel in 1984 after witnessing a friend struggle with abortion’s aftermath, and her commitment to understand and help her friend led her to major in psychology at the University of Minnesota, where she met her husband, William Thorn; and*

**WHEREAS,** *Vicki worked briefly as a Birthright counselor, later becoming the first Respect Life director in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee, and in 1990, launched the National Office for Post-abortion Healing and Reconciliation, which offered phone counseling as well as consultation services; and*

**WHEREAS,** *Vicki utilized Project Rachel as a way to teach clergy to help women progress through their healing following abortions, eventually spreading to 29 countries and more than 170 dioceses in the U.S.; and*

**WHEREAS,** *Vicki Thorn was blessed and congratulated on her work by Pope John Paul II, lectured at numerous universities, and received various awards including the Catholic Press Association’s People of Life Award, an induction into the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulcher of Jerusalem, and the Evangelium Vitae Medal in 2021 from Notre Dame University; and*

**WHEREAS,** *Victoria M. “Vicki” Thorn is survived by her beloved husband, William Thorn, children Sofia, Willy, Marisia, Chiara, Vincent and Miriam, and 19 loving grandchildren; now, therefore, be it*

**RESOLVED,** *That the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee herewith offers its sincere condolences to the family of Victoria M. “Vicki” Thorn and mourns the passing of this fine, upstanding woman; and, be it*

**FURTHER RESOLVED,** *That a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to the family of Victoria M. “Vicki” Thorn.*

**Introduced by Common Council members Michael J. Murphy, Russell W. Stamper, II, Milele A. Coggs, Ashanti Hamilton, Mark A. Borkowski, Scott Spiker, José G. Pérez, Chantia Lewis, Khalif J. Rainey and Nikiya Dodd and approved by all members of the Milwaukee Common Council on May 10, 2022.**