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*Resolution congratulating Sheila Cochran on her retirement from the Milwaukee Area Labor Council.*

**WHEREAS,**

## **SHEILA COCHRAN**

*retired with pride and satisfaction as Secretary and Treasurer to the Milwaukee Area Labor Council in March, 2017 after more than 17 years of dedicated service to the City of Milwaukee; and*

**WHEREAS,** *Sheila Cochran grew up in Milwaukee and attended Rufus King High School and went on to work for a daycare for 10 years; and*

**WHEREAS,** *Sheila Cochran began working for Delphi Automotive Systems Corp. at their plant in Oak Creek in 1979 and was elected as recording secretary of United Auto Workers Local 438 in 1989; and*

**WHEREAS,** *In 1999 Sheila Cochran was the first African American woman elected Secretary Treasurer to the Milwaukee County Labor Council, AFL-CIO; and*

**WHEREAS,** *Sheila Cochran has served through many roles throughout the years than include co-chair of the Urban Initiative Task Force, Commissioner to the Milwaukee Fair Housing and Employment Commission, President of the Fair Lending Coalition, advisor to former Wisconsin Governor Jim Doyle's Minimum Wage Advisory Council, Chair of Milwaukee Access Television Authority Board of Directors, Chairperson of the Milwaukee Area Technical College District Board, Member and Secretary on the Board of Milwaukee Jobs initiative, member on the Advisory Council on Agriculture, Labor and Small Business, Executive Board Member and past President of Citizen Action of Wisconsin and Chair of past Workers' Rights Board hearings;*

**WHEREAS,** *Sheila Cochran has received many honors and distinctions for her work within the Labor community and has been honored by A. Philip Randolph Institute with the Nellie Wilson Award, by the UAW Civil Rights Council and Milwaukee Area Technical College for Service and Dedication with the 2007 Black Excellence Award in Community Leadership, by the Black Women's Network, St. John Grand Council A. and A.S.R. Masons and Elizabeth Grand Chapter and the Order of the Eastern Star for Excellence for her work on behalf of the community, by the NAACP and National Coalition of Black Trade Unionists with the Dr. Benjamin Hooks Keeper of the Flame Award, by Milwaukee Area Technical College with the Civic Apprenticeship Award as a Master of the Trade, by the Rainbow Push Coalition with the Rainbow Push Coalition Trailblazer Award, the Thomas G. Cannon-Equal Justice Medal and by the UAW Local 469 with the Janie Jackson Civil and Human Rights Award.*

**WHEREAS,** *Sheila Cochran continues to serve on the Boards of Wisconsin AFL-CIO; United Way of Greater Milwaukee and Waukesha County, and as 2017 Campaign Co-Chair; Wisconsin Regional Training Partnership, BIGSTEP; and is a member of Employ Milwaukee; and*

**WHEREAS,** *Sheila Cochran is a member of the Mount Olive Missionary Baptist Church and also retains relationships and memberships with the A. Philip Randolph Institute, NAACP, CLUW, People for the American Way, Coalition of Black Trade Unionists, the Southern Poverty Law Center and many other progressive organizations; now, therefore, be it*

**RESOLVED,** *That the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee herewith congratulates Sheila Cochran on her retirement from the Milwaukee Area Labor Council, extends its appreciation on behalf of the community, and wishes for her a happy and healthy retirement; and, be it*

**FURTHER RESOLVED,** *That a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to Sheila Cochran, an outstanding labor leader.*

**Introduced by Common Council members Khalif J. Rainey, Ashanti Hamilton, Milele A. Coggs, Jim Bohl, Russell W. Stamper, II, Mark A. Borkowski, Terry L. Witkowski, José G. Pérez, Chantia Lewis and Cavalier Johnson and approved by all members of the Milwaukee Common Council on July 11, 2017.**