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Resolution congratulating Groundwork Milwaukee on its 10th anniversary.

WHEREAS,

GROUNDWORK MILWAUKEE

saluted 10 years of serving Milwaukee citizens and neighborhoods during a special celebration at The Garden, 725 N. Milwaukee St., on November 4, 2017; and

WHEREAS, *Founded in March 2007, Groundwork Milwaukee has been working on a variety of projects throughout the City of Milwaukee, and has played a major role in the redevelopment of the Kinnickinnic Rivershed since it was named one of the top ten most endangered rivers in the country, working with community and municipal groups to revitalize the watershed, and has also been leading the way in youth employment programs in the city focused on green infrastructure projects as well as maintaining and building community gardens; and*

WHEREAS, *In 2013 Groundwork Milwaukee merged with Milwaukee Urban Gardens, a non-profit organization that had managed dozens of community gardens throughout the city, and since then has continued to grow the Milwaukee Urban Garden Network with more than 90 gardens throughout Milwaukee that are exclusively run by community leaders and volunteers the organization has partnered with; and*

WHEREAS, *In the City of Milwaukee Groundwork Milwaukee has completed more than 284 projects, planted 4,487 trees, planted 1,433 shrubs, planted 28,642 bulbs and perennials, has actively involved 1,765 youth, 2,558 adults, and 165 seniors (ages 60+), has acquired more than 9,136 volunteer hours, has partnered with 30 schools, and has benefited 203,163 individuals with its projects and programs; now, therefore, be it*

RESOLVED, *That the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee herewith congratulates Groundwork Milwaukee on its 10th anniversary, recognizes its positive impact on the community and offers sincere wishes for its continued success; and, be it*

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

Introduced by Common Council members Chantia Lewis, Cavalier Johnson, Ashanti Hamilton, Milele A. Coggs, Jim Bohl, Russell W. Stamper, II, Mark A. Borkowski, Terry L. Witkowski, José G. Pérez and Khalif J. Rainey and approved by all members of the Milwaukee Common Council on November 7, 2017.