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*Resolution recognizing The Friendship Circle of Wisconsin on its community event “One Thing I Wish You Knew”.*

**WHEREAS,**

## **THE FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE**

*held its special community event “One Thing I Wish I Knew” about the challenges of mental health on November 12, 2023; and*

**WHEREAS,** *The Friendship Circle of Wisconsin, a branch of Lubavitch of Wisconsin is dedicated to providing support, creating friendships, and creating inclusive opportunities for individuals with disabilities, and their devoted team of community volunteers is significant because they offer a wide array of social, educational, and vocational experiences, and the Friendship Circle’s mission is to foster an inclusive community that values and respects each individual, regardless of obstacles they may face, and they are committed to building an environment where everyone is accepted and given equal chances to succeed and contribute, and through their programs and initiatives they aim to dismantle barriers, create meaningful connections, and empower individuals with disabilities to fully participate in community life; and*

**WHEREAS,** *The Friendship Circle is dedicated to providing individuals with not only friends and a sense of family but also a strong community bond, and with the support of their dedicated volunteers they offer impactful programs and create meaningful friendships, and their primary goal is to establish an inclusive community built on friendship and acceptance; and*

**WHEREAS,** *The Friendship Circle held a special community event called “One Thing I Wish You Knew,” where four teenagers shared their vulnerabilities with mental health and the challenges they faced on November 12, 2023, and this event focused on telling people what participants wish they knew about their journeys with mental health; now, therefore, be it*

**RESOLVED,** *That the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee herewith congratulates The Friendship Circle of Wisconsin on its event “One Thing I Wish I Knew,” commends its members and volunteers for their dedicated service, and wishes it a prosperous future; and, be it*

**FURTHER RESOLVED,** *that a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to The Friendship Circle of Wisconsin.*

**Introduced by Common Council members Jonathan Brostoff, Scott Spiker, JoCasta Zamarripa, José G. Pérez, Lamont Westmoreland, Andrea M. Pratt, Mark Chambers, Jr., Robert J. Bauman, Mark A. Borkowski, Milele A. Coggs, Michael J. Murphy, Khalif J. Rainey, and Russell W. Stamper, II and approved by all members of the Milwaukee Common Council on October 31, 2023.**