

BY THE COMMON COUNCIL

Resolution congratulating the Milwaukee Bucks on winning the 2021 NBA Finals.

WHEREAS,

MILWAUKEE BUCKS

won the second World Championship title in franchise history by defeating the Phoenix Suns 105-98 in Game 6 of the NBA Finals at the Fiserv Forum on July 20, 2021; and

WHEREAS, The Bucks were led in Game 6 by two-time NBA MVP Giannis Antetokounmpo (50 points, 14 rebounds and five blocks), who became the first player to have at least 40 points, 10 rebounds and five blocks in a Finals' game since blocks were first recorded in 1974, and who became the seventh player to have at least 50 points in the championship round; and

WHEREAS, The Finals started with the Suns winning Games 1 and 2 in Phoenix, but the Bucks then showed their resilience, with Giannis Antetokounmpo's 41 points in Game 3 at the Fiserv Forum helping to turn the tide as the Bucks won 120-100, and in Game 4, the Bucks came back from 9 points down in the fourth quarter (punctuated by Antetokounmpo's incredible block of an alley-oop dunk by Deandre Ayton) and evened the series behind two-time All Star Khris Middleton's 40 points; and

WHEREAS, The Bucks went back to Phoenix and put the Suns on the brink in Game 5, winning 123-119 and highlighted by the Holiday strip and steal and the 'Valley Oop' to Antetokounmpo from Holiday at the end of the game; and

WHEREAS, Giannis Antetokounmpo was named Finals MVP, and the team was cheered by huge crowds along the route of its World Championship Victory Parade through the streets of Milwaukee on July 22, 2021; and

WHEREAS, Bucks fans once again showed why they are the best in basketball as fans packed Fiserv Forum and the Deer District to support the Bucks at each and every game (at home and away), cheering joyously and displaying good sportsmanship throughout, and they raucously chanted, "Bucks in six!" throughout the playoffs, referencing Brandon Jennings's prophecy that had finally come true; and

WHEREAS, The Milwaukee Bucks' 2021 NBA World Championship win was made possible by a team – led by GM Jon Horst and head coach Mike Budenholzer– which excelled in all phases of the game, and which fought hard, played together and kept focus to continue winning; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee herewith congratulates the Milwaukee Bucks on winning the 2021 NBA World Championship title, and extends its appreciation on behalf of the community for giving the City of Milwaukee excitement and something to be truly proud of, and wishes the very best to the entire team and organization in the future; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to the 2021 World Champion Milwaukee Bucks.

Introduced and approved by all members of the Milwaukee Common Council on July 27, 2021: Robert J. Bauman, Ashanti Hamilton, Cavalier Johnson, Nik Kovac, Nikiya Dodd, Milele A. Coggs, Khalif J. Rainey, JoCasta Zamarripa, Chantia Lewis, Michael J. Murphy, Mark A. Borkowski, José G. Pérez, Scott Spiker, Marina Dimitrijevic and Russell W. Stamper, II.