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*Resolution congratulating Sharon P. Purifoy-Smoos on 19 years of service to the Milwaukee Fire Department.*

**WHEREAS,**

## **SHARON P. PURIFOY-SMOOTS**

*has served the Milwaukee Fire Department for 19 years, and her career and her contributions as a member of the Milwaukee Brotherhood of Firefighters were recognized on September 17, 2022 at Milwaukee City Hall; and*

**WHEREAS,** *Battalion Chief Sharon P. Purifoy-Smoos entered into the Fire Academy in April 2003, graduated in August 2003, was then assigned to Engine 2 and graduated Para-medical school and was assigned to MED 5 in June 2008, was promoted to lieutenant in December 2011, was appointed as the director of the Survive Alive House in December 2013, was promoted to fire captain in January 2017, was appointed recruiting director in December 2018, was promoted to battalion chief in May 2019, and then promoted to Deputy Chief in December 2020, becoming the MFD's first African-American female Deputy Chief; and*

**WHEREAS,** *Sharon P. Purifoy-Smoos was the second African-American woman to be promoted to the ranks of lieutenant, captain and battalion chief on the Milwaukee Fire Department; and*

**WHEREAS,** *Sharon P. Purifoy-Smoos was promoted to Assistant Fire Chief of Support, becoming the first African American female to hold that position, and she is one half of the only husband and wife team to serve as MFD Assistant Fire Chiefs at the same time; and*

**WHEREAS,** *Sharon P. Purifoy-Smoos as a member of the Milwaukee Brotherhood of Fire Fighters, has served on many executive board positions and served as the first female President of the Milwaukee Brotherhood of Fire Fighters; and*

**WHEREAS,** *Sharon P. Purifoy-Smoos has played an important role in protecting the safety of the citizens of Milwaukee; now, therefore, be it*

**RESOLVED,** *That the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee herewith congratulates Sharon P. Purifoy-Smoos on her 19 years of service with the Milwaukee Fire Department, extends its appreciation on behalf of the community and wishes her continued success and happiness; and, be it*

**FURTHER RESOLVED,** *That a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution be presented Sharon P. Purifoy-Smoos, an outstanding leader.*

**Introduced by Common Council members Michael J. Murphy, José G. Pérez, Nikiya Dodd, Mark A. Borkowski, Mílele A. Coggs, Scott Spiker, Khalif J. Rainey and Russell W. Stamper, II and approved by all members of the Milwaukee Common Council on September 20, 2022.**