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Resolution recognizing Brenda Coley as a 2024 Pride Month Honoree.

WHEREAS,

BRENDA COLEY

was nominated by Alderwoman JoCasta Zamarripa for her lifetime of distinguished achievements to represent the LGBTQ+ community of Milwaukee as a 2024 Pride Month Honoree; and

WHEREAS, *Pride Month honorees are exemplary figures in the Milwaukee community who demonstrate outstanding contributions in civic, professional, and humanitarian pursuits; and*

WHEREAS, *Brenda Coley over the years has served in various positions in the non-profit and academic sectors and brings a long-standing commitment to social justice and community engagement practices, particularly in building the cultural competence to approach marginalized populations regarding health disparity issues, leadership development, and social justice issues; and*

WHEREAS, *Brenda Coley in many capacities has worked to support the LGBTQ+ community, as demonstrated through her work spearheading identity development groups, her work with the House of Infinity, the first Black LGBTQ+ organization to receive state funding, helping form Connexus to foster connections between Black LGBTQ+ people and allies, and her service in support of numerous other organizations and nonprofits such as Diverse & Resilient, and Grow Great Women; and*

WHEREAS, *Brenda Coley in her work today continues to advocate for justice for all (people and planet) and remains committed to continually exploring the influences of one's own culture, and understanding ways in which groups of people are treated in society; now, therefore, be it*

RESOLVED, *That the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee herewith recognizes Brenda Coley as a 2024 Pride Month Honoree, and commends her for a lifetime of positive contributions to the community; and, be it*

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

Introduced by Common Council members JoCasta Zamarripa, Peter Burgelis, Larresa Taylor, Andrea M. Pratt, Mark Champers, Jr., Jonathan Brostoff, Robert Bauman, Lamont Westmoreland, Milele A. Coggs, José G. Pérez, Scott Spiker, and Russell W. Stamper, II, and approved by all members of the Milwaukee Common Council on June 11, 2024