

BY ALDS. MURPHY, COGGS, JOHNSON, HAMILTON, SPIKER, DODD, BORKOWSKI, STAMPER, PEREZ, LEWIS, RAINEY

Resolution expressing condolences to the family and friends of Pastor Jerome Smith, who passed from this life on April 27, 2021.

WHEREAS,

JEROME SMITH

passed from this life on April 27, 2021 at the age of 49, and services were held on May 8, 2021 at Holy Redeemer C.O.G.I.C. (3500 W. Mother Daniels Way; and

***WHEREAS,** Pastor Jerome Smith was born in Chicago but moved to Milwaukee as a young man where he overcame childhood poverty and a suicide attempt and became a cherished and valued member of the community; and*

***WHEREAS,** Pastor Jerome Smith met his wife when they were young, and after becoming a pastor he and his wife started Greater Praise Church of God in Christ in 2014; and*

***WHEREAS,** Pastor Jerome Smith would then go on to start The Joseph Project which connects adults from central-city neighborhoods, especially those who are formerly incarcerated, with job opportunities in the region, and provides transportation and training; and*

***WHEREAS,** Pastor Jerome Smith's motto was 'you don't throw people away' and he made sure to provide compassion, empathy and support those all of those in need regardless of their circumstance; now, therefore, be it*

***RESOLVED,** That the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee herewith offers its sincere condolences to the family of Pastor Jerome Smith, and mourns the passing of this fine, upstanding man; and, be it*

***FURTHER RESOLVED,** That a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to the family of Jerome Smith.*

Introduced by Common Council members Michael J. Murphy, Ashanti Hamilton, Milele A. Coggs, Cavalier Johnson, Scott Spiker, Nikiya Dodd, Mark A. Borkowski, Russell W. Stamper, II, José G. Pérez, Chantia Lewis and Khalif J. Rainey and approved by all members of the Milwaukee Common Council on May 25, 2021.