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*Resolution expressing condolences to the family and friends of Eric Von who passed from this life on September 8, 2016.*

**WHEREAS,**

## **ERIC VON**

*passed from this life at the age of 58 on September 8, 2016, and a public memorial gathering was held in his honor at Marquette University on September 14, 2016; and*

**WHEREAS,** *Eric Von was born on November 5, 1957, and was a longtime leading voice of black talk radio in Milwaukee, a journalist and broadcaster for WNOV-AM, the founder of the online men's health magazine Brain, Brawn & Body, a guest panelist on a public affairs television show on Milwaukee Public Television, a co-host of another cultural affairs show on the same network, and author of a bi-weekly column for the city's alternative newspaper; and*

**WHEREAS,** *Eric Von was a veteran of more than 25 years in the radio industry, beginning his career as a disc jockey, then moving to news and serving as the Business Manager for Radio One in Washington, D.C. and Director of Operations for the former 1290 WMCS radio; and*

**WHEREAS,** *For many years, Eric Von broadcasted the Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday Celebration at the Marcus Center for the Performing Arts, and recently produced the Precious Lives project, a public radio series about gun violence and young people in Milwaukee, and he wasn't shy about helping city residents in a direct manner, as he co-founded the FEAT (Flood Emergency Assistance Team), which helped devastated neighborhoods during the severe floods of 2010; and*

**WHEREAS,** *Eric Von was a sought after and highly respected opinion leader, especially in Milwaukee, on many political and socio-economic issues; and*

**WHEREAS,** *Eric Von leaves to cherish his memory his wife, Faithe Colas, daughter Erica Boardley, two grandchildren, and step-daughter Paige Colas; now therefore, be it*

**RESOLVED,** *That the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee herewith expresses its condolences to the family and friends of Eric Von and mourns with deep sorrow the passing of this fine man and leader; and, be it*

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

**Introduced and approved by all members of the Milwaukee Common Council on September 20, 2016: Khalif J. Rainey, Ashanti Hamilton, Milele A. Coggs, Jim Bohl, Mark A. Borkowski, José G. Pérez, Cavalier Johnson, Nik Kovac, Robert J. Bauman, Robert G. Donovan, Chantia Lewis, Michael J. Murphy, Terry L. Witkowski, Tony Zielinski and Russell W. Stamper, II.**