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The Honorable Common Council  
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Honorable Common Council:

Attached to this correspondence is a resolution concerning updates to the charter ordinance that defines the city's organization and procedures for the management of emergencies. I respectfully request this resolution be introduced into a file for adoption consideration.

This update is the result of a thorough review by my office, the City Attorney's Office, the City Clerk, and the police, fire, health, and public works departments of the City of Milwaukee Charter Chapter 6. This chapter had not been substantially amended since 1975 and this revision updates much of the outdated language, aligns City department and position responsibilities with current emergency management and homeland security priorities, defines delegation of authority in periods of extreme emergency, and requires development of continuity of operations plans for City departments. These revisions will provide the City with clear legal direction, authority, and coordination in preventing, managing, and recovering from instances of extreme emergencies.

I look forward to meeting with any Council member who wishes to discuss these revisions further.

Sincerely,

Daniel T. Alexander  
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