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Resolution honoring Karen Dettmer for her dedicated service to the City of Milwaukee.

WHEREAS,

KAREN DETTMER

left city service on April 14, 2022 after 15 years of dedicated service to the City of Milwaukee, leaving to join the administration of President Joe Biden to serve as Managing Director for Infrastructure Implementation at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Office of Water; and

WHEREAS, *Karen Dettmer came to Milwaukee in 1998 to attend the Milwaukee School of Engineering (MSOE), where she received her Bachelor of Science Degree in Architectural Engineering and Master of Science in Environmental Engineering; and*

WHEREAS, *Karen Dettmer joined the city service in January 2007 when she was hired as a Senior Environmental Project Coordinator to assist the Redevelopment Authority of the City of Milwaukee in ensuring environmental protection measures and compliance for federally funded programs in the City, to conduct environmental impact assessments and Phase I site assessments, manage Phase II and Phase III environmental activities, manage environmental consultant contracts, to prepare grant applications, manage federal and state grants, and facilitate environmental planning and development activities for various city departments and agencies; and*

WHEREAS, *Karen was promoted to Senior Environmental Project Engineer in April 2011 to take on additional duties as the go-to city manager for brownfields and environmental issues in the Department of City Development (DCD), other city departments, state and federal program managers, and other general inquiries; and*

WHEREAS, *Karen Dettmer, who completed her Master of Science Degree in Environmental Engineering in 2015 at MSOE, was hired in July 2016 to serve as Public Works Coordination Manager in DPW, overseeing special projects including the Lakefront Gateway, Fiserv Forum and Deer District, the Beerline Trail, and the Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra's Bradley Symphony Center; and*

WHEREAS, *In February 2019, Karen Dettmer was appointed as Superintendent of the Milwaukee Water Works, and in December 2021 was appointed as the first woman in Milwaukee history to serve as the Commissioner of Public Works; now, therefore, be it*

RESOLVED, *That the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee herewith honors Karen Dettmer's service to the Department of Public Works and the City of Milwaukee, extends its appreciation on behalf of the community, and wishes for her a happy and healthy future; and, be it*

FURTHER RESOLVED, *That a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to Karen Dettmer, an outstanding employee and leader.*

Introduced by Common Council members Nik Kovac, Robert J. Bauman, Ashanti Hamilton, Milele A. Coggs, Russell W. Stamper, II, Mark A. Borkowski, José G. Pérez, Chantia Lewis, Khalif J. Rainey, Scott Spiker and Nikiya Dodd and approved by all members of the Milwaukee Common Council on April 19, 2022.