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Resolution expressing condolences to the family and friends of Florence H. Dukes.

WHEREAS,

FLORENCE H. DUKES

passed from this life on August 20, 2023, and a funeral service was held at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 914 E. Knapp St., on September 2, 2023; and

WHEREAS, *Florence H. Dukes was born on November 11, 1947 in Miami, Florida, the eldest child of Carl and Mizie Hanna, later attending Miami-Dade Public Schools and graduating from Polly Mays High School in 1965; and*

WHEREAS, *Florence received her BS Degree in Elementary Education/History from St. Augustine University, in Raleigh, North Carolina, and while there, met student athlete Enoch Dukes, with whom she eloped during her junior year, sparking a 47-year union that produced daughters Karlicia and Enica; and*

WHEREAS, *In the early 1970s the family moved to Milwaukee, where Florence received her MA Degree in Management Administration from Cardinal Stritch University, and where she would soon be hired as the executive director of the Milwaukee Learning Center, and later as the executive director of the Milwaukee Inner City Arts Council, and as manager of Career Planning and Staff Development at Milwaukee Area Technical College; and*

WHEREAS, *As a City of Milwaukee manager and leader, Florence rose to serve in several key positions, including as employee benefits director for the Department of Employee Relations, and director and deputy director of the Department of Employee Relations, and as city safety director in the Milwaukee Police Department; and*

WHEREAS, *Florence leaves to cherish her memory her beloved daughters Karlicia and Enica, grandchildren Madison, Logan and Emory, and a host of other loving relatives and friends; now, therefore, be it*

RESOLVED, *That the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee herewith offers its sincere condolences to the family and friends of Florence H. Dukes, who will be remembered fondly for her dedicated and distinguished career in public service, and for the selfless commitment to serving humanity she so often shared with others; and, be it*

FURTHER RESOLVED, *That a suitably engrossed copy of the resolution be presented to the family of Florence H. Dukes.*

Introduced by Common Council members Andrea M. Pratt, Michael J. Murphy, Russell W. Stamper, II, JoCasta Zamarripa, Scott Spiker, Milele A. Coggs, Mark A. Borkowski, Khalif J. Rainey, Mark Chambers, Jr., Jonathan Brostoff, Robert J. Bauman, Lamont Westmoreland, Larresa Taylor, and José G. Pérez and approved by all members of the Milwaukee Common Council on September 18, 2023.

