

*BY THE COMMON COUNCIL*

*Resolution recognizing and thanking Alderman Joe Davis, Sr. who is leaving the Common Council after 13 years of distinguished public service to the City of Milwaukee as 2<sup>nd</sup> District Alderman.*

**WHEREAS,**

**ALDERMAN JOE DAVIS, SR.**

*dutifully served the citizens of Milwaukee as 2<sup>nd</sup> District Alderman for 13 years; and*

***WHEREAS,** Alderman Joe Davis, Sr. was elected to his first term as 2nd District Alderman during a special election on April 29, 2003 after having previously served on the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors, and he won re-election to a full term during the spring general election on April 6, 2004, and was re-elected by constituents in 2008 and 2012; and*

***WHEREAS,** Alderman Joe Davis, Sr. served as chair of the Common Council's Community and Economic Development Committee, where he advocated on behalf of economic development initiatives for inner-city neighborhoods, and the Sister Cities Committee, which forged new international ties with cities across the globe, particularly in Africa, and he also served as the Honorary Consulate of the State of Wisconsin to the Republic of South Africa; and*

***WHEREAS,** Serving as a member of the National League of Cities' Community and Economic Development Policy and Advocacy Steering Committee since 2004, including as vice chair in 2006 and 2007 and as chair in 2008, Alderman Joe Davis, Sr. was named to the NLC board of directors in 2008 and served a two year term, and was also appointed to the NLC's International Council for 2009; and*

***WHEREAS,** A passionate advocate for the city's youth, Alderman Joe Davis, Sr. was the primary sponsor of legislation that created the City of Milwaukee Youth Council in 2004, empowering youth leaders to take a hand in shaping their community, and in 2005 he was the primary sponsor of legislation that created the city's Summer Youth Internship Program, an initiative that has since provided hundreds of paid summer internships in various city departments for young people; now, therefore, be it*

***RESOLVED,** That the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee herewith recognizes and thanks Joe Davis, Sr. for 13 years of distinguished public service as 2<sup>nd</sup> District Alderman, extends its appreciation on behalf of the community for his dedicated public service, and wishes for him a happy, healthy and prosperous future; and, be it*

***FURTHER RESOLVED, That a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to Joe Davis, Sr., an exemplary public servant.***

***Introduced and approved by all members of the Milwaukee Common Council on April 15, 2016: Alderman Joe Davis, Sr., Michael J. Murphy, Ashanti Hamilton, Nik Kovac, Robert Bauman, Jim Bohl, Milele A. Coggs, Robert G. Donovan, Robert W. Puente, Mark A. Borkowski, José G. Pérez, Terry L. Witkowski, Tony Zielinski and Russell W. Stamper, II.***