

ALDS. RAINEY, MURPHY, BORKOWSKI, COGGS, BOHL, PÉREZ

Resolution congratulating Della Wells on being named one of the City of Milwaukee's Artists of the Year

WHEREAS,

DELLA WELLS

was named one of the City of Milwaukee's 2016 Artists of the Year by the City of Milwaukee Arts Board and was honored at a reception on June 14, 2016 at the Marcus Center for the Performing Arts; and

WHEREAS, *Della Wells, a Milwaukee native, began her career as a visual artist at the age of 42 and is known for her collages, drawings, dolls, assemblages and quilts; and*

WHEREAS, *Della Wells seeks to tell stories inspired by her personal experiences and the experiences of her family members through works pieced together with scraps of magazines, fabric and other media; and*

WHEREAS, *Della Wells collaborated on a play, "Don't Tell Me I Can't Fly," commissioned by First Stage Children's Theater in 2011, inspired by her childhood in a working-class, African-American community in Milwaukee, and has illustrated a children's book, "Electric Angel"; and*

WHEREAS, *The City of Milwaukee Arts Board has recognized 36 local artists since the inception of the Artists of the Year Award in 1995, including Della Wells with this 21st annual Artist of the Year Award; now, therefore, be it*

RESOLVED, *That the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee herewith congratulates Della Wells on her award, thanks her for her contributions to the creative community and wishes for her continued health and happiness; and be it*

FURTHER RESOLVED, *That a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to Della Wells.*

Introduced by Common Council members Khalif J. Rainey, Michael J. Murphy, Mark A. Borkowski, Milele A. Coggs, Jim Bohl and José G. Pérez and approved by the Milwaukee Common Council on July 6, 2016.