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*Resolution expressing condolences to the family and friends of Marlene Johnson-Odom.*

**WHEREAS,**

**MARLENE JOHNSON-ODOM**

*passed from this life on January??, 2017 at the age of ??, and funeral services were held on  
January ??, 2017 at ????*and

**WHEREAS,** *Marlene Johnson-Odom, a native Milwaukeean, graduated from North  
Division High School, attended Milwaukee Area Technical College (MATC) and received a  
bachelor's degree from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee; and*

**WHEREAS,** *Marlene Johnson-Odom was elected 6<sup>th</sup> District Alderwoman in 1980 and  
served with pride and dedication after being re-elected in 1984, 1988, 1992, 1996 and 2000, and  
served on the Milwaukee Common Council longer than any other woman in city history and also  
was the longest serving African American member of the council; and*

**WHEREAS,** *During her long and distinguished tenure on the Common Council, Marlene  
Johnson-Odom served on every one of the Common Council's standing committees, and served as  
chair and vice chair of the Zoning, Neighborhoods & Development Committee, and as vice chair  
of the Judiciary & Legislation Committee and the Community Development Policy Committee;  
and*

**WHEREAS,** *Marlene Johnson-Odom was known and respected for being committed to  
issues such as civil rights, fair employment, minority leadership and minority economic  
development, and during her career she took a leadership role in creating programs and  
ordinances that contributed to improving the quality of life for minorities in the City of  
Milwaukee*

**WHEREAS,** *Long a follower and admirer of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Marlene  
Johnson-Odom led efforts at City Hall to recognize Dr. King by renaming N. 3<sup>rd</sup> St. "Dr. Martin  
Luther King, Jr. Drive"; and*

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**WHEREAS, ; now, therefore, be it**

**RESOLVED,** *That the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee herewith expresses its  
condolences to the family and friends of Marlene Johnson-Odom and mourns with deep sorrow  
the passing of this fine woman; and, be it*

***FURTHER RESOLVED***, That a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to the family of Marlene Johnson-Odom.

***Introduced by Common Council members Russell W. Stamper, II, Milele A. Coggs, Jim Bohl, José G. Pérez, Mark A. Borkowski, Chantia Lewis, Cavalier Johnson, Terry L. Witkowski and Khalif J. Rainey and approved by all members of the Milwaukee Common Council on January 18, 2017.***