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*Resolution expressing condolences to the family and friends of the Rev. Tucker Jones, who passed from this life on January 15, 2017.*

**WHEREAS,**

**REVEREND TUCKER JONES**

*passed from this life at age 71 on January 15, 2017, and a memorial service was held on January 27, 2017 at St. Mark AME Church, 1616 W. Atkinson Ave.; and*

**WHEREAS,** *Reverend Tucker Jones was born to the union of Andrew L. Jones, Sr. and Emma L. Perry Jones, in Tuskegee, Alabama on August 24, 1945, and later relocated to Gary, Indiana where he received his elementary and secondary education in the Gary School District, and where he excelled in football and showcased his athletic abilities as a defensive lineman, linebacker and halfback, and held all city and all state rankings for football and graduated from Roosevelt High School; and*

**WHEREAS,** *Rev. Tucker Jones proudly served his country in the United States Army during the Vietnam War, and following his tour of duty, he moved to Milwaukee after his acceptance into Marquette University's first Educational Opportunity Program (EOP), earning his Bachelor of Arts Degree with a double major in History and Speech and a minor in Philosophy in 1974; and*

**WHEREAS,** *Rev. Tucker Jones used his administrative skills to better the lives of others and the community, creating Stand-In Ministries, Inc., and serving as the Westside Center Director of the Social Development Commission, where he headed one of the largest food pantries in the state and oversaw the Safe Haven Program which provided a positive overnight recreational setting for neighborhood children and their families; and*

**WHEREAS,** *Rev. Tucker Jones was widely known and respected, and he worked with the Federal Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, the Minority Information Center and as a Project Analyst & Project Coordinator for the Wisconsin Department of Industry, Labor and Human Relations in Madison, where he developed and coordinated a needs assessment that preceded the development of the Manager's Guide for Conducting Training, improving the labor standards in the State of Wisconsin, and later taught his weekly Wisdom Studies class at the Clinton & Bernice Rose Senior Center when his health permitted and tutored at the St. Mark Tutoring Program; and*

**WHEREAS,** *Rev. Tucker Jones leaves to cherish his memory his beloved wife of 39 years, M. Eleanor Drake-Jones, two sons, Kyle (Tish) Jones and Enoche (Minjonique) Jones; siblings, Andrew L. (Doris) Jones, Jr., Lawrence (Virgie) Jones, Bessie Ann Jones and Teddie (Frances) Jones, nine grandchildren, two great-grandsons, and a host of nephews, nieces, cousins and extended family and friends; now, therefore, be it*

**RESOLVED,** *That the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee herewith expresses its condolences to the family and friends of Rev. Tucker Jones, and mourns with deep sorrow the passing of this fine, upstanding man; and, be it*

**FURTHER RESOLVED,** *That a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to the family of Rev. Tucker Jones.*

**Introduced by Common Council members Khalif J. Rainey, Milele A. Coggs, Jim Bohl, Russell W. Stamper, II, Mark A. Borkowski, Terry L. Witkowski, José G. Pérez, Chantia Lewis and Cavalier Johnson and approved by all members of the Milwaukee Common Council on February 7, 2017.**