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Resolution recognizing Phillip "Phil" McDowell on his outstanding service to the Department of Public Works and to the City of Milwaukee.

WHEREAS,

PHILLIP "PHIL" McDOWELL

has served with distinction and passion as a key member of the Forestry leadership team in the City of Milwaukee's Department of Public Works since April 1998; and

WHEREAS, Phillip "Phil" McDowell joined the city service in April 1998 in the Forestry Division of the Department of Public Works, working initially as an Urban Forestry Specialist Trainee, and later as an Urban Forestry Specialist; and

WHEREAS, In April 2010 Phil was appointed to Urban Forestry Crew Leader, was appointed to Urban Forestry Technician in October 2014, and returned to the position of Urban Forestry Crew Leader in August 2015; and

WHEREAS, Phil has served as the Lead Trainer for numerous Forestry training crews and has been instrumental in laying the groundwork to many successful Forestry employees' careers; and

WHEREAS, Phil is also an ISA Certified Arborist and is Tree Risk Assessment Qualified (TRAQ) -- both are significant accomplishments within the Forestry field – and his influence will remain evident for years via appreciation of city signature beds, Milwaukee's vibrant tree canopy, and the careers he has shaped during his tenure; and

WHEREAS, Phil McDowell has been particularly instrumental in the design and construction of signature boulevard beds in the city's Central District, and also in assisting in the design and installation of holiday decorations within City Hall, and he has provided a lasting legacy of beautification in Milwaukee that will endure into the future; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee herewith thanks Phillip "Phil" McDowell for his distinguished service to the Department of Public Works and to the citizens of Milwaukee, and extends its sincere appreciation on behalf of the community; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to Phillip "Phil" McDowell, an exemplary public servant.

Introduced by Common Council members Mark A. Borkowski, Terry L. Witkowski, Ashanti Hamilton, Milele A. Coggs, Jim Bohl, Russell W. Stamper, II, José G. Pérez, Chantia Lewis, Khalif J. Rainey and Cavalier Johnson and approved by all members of the Milwaukee Common Council on December 19, 2017.