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Resolution congratulating Gregg Hagopian on his 25th Anniversary as an Assistant City Attorney with the Milwaukee City Attorney's Office.

WHEREAS,

GREGG C. HAGOPIAN

was honored for 25 years of service as a dedicated public servant and assistant city attorney for the City of Milwaukee, and

WHEREAS, Gregg Hagopian was hired by the City Attorney's Office on January 31, 1994, and has served with distinction for 25 years representing numerous clients including the Assessor's Office, Treasurer's Office, Dept. of City Development, Dept. of Public Works, Redevelopment Authority of the City of Milwaukee and Intergovernmental Relations, among others; and

WHEREAS, Gregg Hagopian played significant roles in numerous pieces of legislation beneficial to the City including the creation of the brownfield redevelopment tool found in Wis. Stat. 75.106, passage of 2017 WI Act 339 (establishing bidder eligibility requirements for mortgage foreclosure sheriff sales) and 2017 WI Act 208 (allowing counties to conduct sheriff sales on the internet) to combat bad landlords, establishing mandatory recording of sheriff deeds, and pioneering in personam property tax collection through creation of Sec. 304-48 of the Milwaukee Code of Ordinances to take advantage of Wis. Stat. 74.53; and

WHEREAS, Gregg Hagopian has made numerous presentations across the state and country, including 9 years straight at the League of Wisconsin Municipalities' Assessor's Institute to rave reviews, including numerous stating that his workshop on property tax exemptions was the best ever seen; and

WHEREAS, Gregg Hagopian has received several awards including the Wisconsin Association of Assessing Officers' 2000 Most Valuable Member and 1998 Chairperson of the Year (for his work on its Property Tax Exemption Committee) and the Public Policy Forum's 2001 Norman N. Gill Award for Individual Excellence in Government; and

WHEREAS, Gregg Hagopian was a top finalist for the highly competitive 2018 Fulbright Award for the Ian Axford New Zealand Fellowship in Public Policy due to his experience and knowledge in best practices in low income housing development; and

WHEREAS, Gregg Hagopian was instrumental in recruiting the Center for Community Progress to bring its 2018 Reclaiming Vacant Properties National Conference to the City of Milwaukee; and

WHEREAS, Gregg Hagopian loves spending time with his kids; enjoys traveling, camping, visiting beer gardens and cheering on the Chicago Cubs and he is funny and good natured, a driving force encouraging office camaraderie and plays a mean harmonica; and

WHEREAS, Gregg Hagopian has enriched the City Attorney's Office and the City with his superior legal abilities, attention to detail and hard-working nature and by handling more notable cases, projects and accomplishments than can possibly be listed in one resolution; and

WHEREAS, Gregg Hagopian has proven to be an exemplary citizen and public servant; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee hereby recognizes Gregg Hagopian on the occasion of his 25th anniversary with the City of Milwaukee, congratulates him on this milestone and commends him for selfless service to the citizens of the community; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to Gregg Hagopian.

Introduced by Common Council members Michael J. Murphy, Ashanti Hamilton, Milele A. Coggs, Russell W. Stamper, II, Mark A. Borkowski, Terry L. Witkowski, José G. Pérez, Chantia Lewis, Khalif J. Rainey, Cavalier Johnson, and Nikiya Dodd and approved by all members of the Milwaukee Common Council on February 5, 2019.