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Resolution congratulating the PowHER Network on its  $4^h$  anniversary.

WHEREAS,

## THE POWHER NETWORK

celebrated its 4<sup>h</sup> anniversary during its annual fundraiser on February 23, 2020; and

WHEREAS, The PowHER Network founded by Chauntel McKenzie is the country's only minority and woman owned social and event architecture firm with a focus on entrepreneurship, business consulting, and organizational development, and is celebrating its 4 year anniversary; and

WHEREAS, During the last four years the PowHER Network has facilitated countless free community focused entrepreneurial, leadership, goal setting, and branding workshops which have helped launch or relaunch over 96 businesses in the city of Milwaukee, including collaborating with the initial Pop-Up Milwaukee launch as the participants business coach, and assisted LISC with writing the renewal grant to get the program expanded and re-funded; and

WHEREAS, The PowHER Network has had more than 500 students attend their classes and held 26 events with a combined attendee count of more than 4,000 people in the City of Milwaukee alone; and

WHEREAS, In 2018 The PowHER Network launched a quarterly inclusive diversity dialogue session, entitled Real Talk, Real Women that has brought together more than 700 women of various ages, ethnic backgrounds, sexual preference, professions, etc. to discuss the improvement of race relations and create genuine relationships amongst women of different backgrounds across the state; and

WHEREAS, The PowHER Network is a firm focused on bridge-building, inclusiveness, increasing commerce, job opportunities, and improving the livability, pay gap, and viability of women in the City of Milwaukee first, and beyond; and

WHEREAS, The PowHER Network has collaborated with many non-profit organizations and corporations to facilitate strategic planning, institute organizational development practices, create diversity and inclusion training, emerging leadership training, and developing social architecture framework to improve their work spaces; and

WHEREAS, The PowHER Network is focused daily on their goal to make Milwaukee better for EVERYONE, starting with the amazing women who live here and improve the way Milwaukee is viewed across the nation; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** That the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee herewith congratulates the PowHER Network on its  $4^h$  anniversary, and wishes for it continued growth and prosperity; and, be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED,** That a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to the PowHER Network.

Introduced by Common Council members Russell W. Stamper, II, Milele A. Coggs, Chantia Lewis, Khalif J. Rainey, Ashanti Hamilton, Cavalier Johnson, Mark A. Borkowski, Scott Spiker, José G. Pérez and Nikiya Dodd and approved by all members of the Milwaukee Common Council on March 3, 2020.