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## 111009 SUBSTITUTE 1

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Substitute resolution urging greater civility in the conduct of political activities and governmental affairs.

This resolution urges all government officials and employees, political parties, media representatives, advocacy organizations, and candidates for political office and their supporters to strive toward a more civil public discourse in the conduct of political activities and in the administration of the affairs of government.

Whereas, The principle of civility is the foundation of democracy and the rule of law; and

Whereas, Public discourse today is all too often composed of divisive attacks rather than meaningful consideration of important public issues, which leads to ineffective public decision-making, citizen frustration and damage to the democratic process; and

Whereas, Municipal officials play an important role in shaping public behavior as leaders in their communities and therefore have special opportunity to help steer public discourse back to a more civil direction; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, By the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee, that the Common Council urges all government officials and employees, political parties, media representatives, advocacy organizations, and candidates for political office and their supporters to strive toward a more civil public discourse in the conduct of political activities and in the administration of the affairs of government.

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