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Community Shares of Wisconsin honoring resolution

Body

WHEREAS, Community Shares of Wisconsin is celebrating 50 years of bringing donors and nonprofits together to address social, economic, and environmental issues; and,

WHEREAS, its member nonprofits are on the front lines in Dane County and throughout Wisconsin to protect our rights and build a safe and sustainable future for all of us; and,

WHEREAS, Community Shares of Wisconsin was originally founded in 1971 as the “Madison Sustaining Fund” and raised funds to bail anti-war protesters out of jail; and,

WHEREAS, in 1972, the Madison Sustaining Fund started raising funds through public sector workplace giving campaigns; and,

WHEREAS, in 1988, Madison Sustaining Fund merged with Aid to Wisconsin Organizations and became known as Community Shares of Wisconsin; and,

WHEREAS, Community Shares of Wisconsin started supporting LGBTQI groups in 1980; and,

WHEREAS, Community Shares of Wisconsin started supporting environmental groups in 1990; and,

WHEREAS, Community Shares of Wisconsin started the Inspiring Voices program to support groups run by the BIPOC community in 2016; and,

WHEREAS, Community Shares of Wisconsin started the Big Share online giving day in 2015, which raised over \$756,000 in 2021 and now serves 70 nonprofit members; and,

WHEREAS, Community Shares of Wisconsin marked its 50th anniversary in 2021 by recognizing longtime volunteers and leaders with Anniversary Backyard Heroes Awards - including Andy Giesler, Catherine Kimport, Richard Sals, Janet Zimmerman, Denise Matyka, Nicole Gotthelf, Joan Karan, Marianne Morton, Brian Juchems, Nancy Vue, Emily Dickmann, Wenona Wolf, Bernie Hoes, Denise Jess, Charlie Daniel, Harold Gates, Madison Community Foundation, Wegner CPAs, Chad LaFlash, Rich Storck, Capitol Centre Market, Willy Street Co-op, John Quinlan, John Urban, Veronica Figueroa Velez, Hedi Rudd, Katie Beilfuss, Caryl Terrell; and,

WHEREAS, Community Shares of Wisconsin marked its fiftieth anniversary in 2021 by presenting three Change-Maker Awards: the Sally Sunde Family Advocate Award to Dr. Armando Ibarra; the Liesl Blockstein Community Leadership Award to Dani Rischall; and the Linda Sundberg Civil Rights Defender Award to Timothy Muth; and,

WHEREAS, Community Shares of Wisconsin marked its 50th anniversary in 2021 by presenting the Collaboration Award to Dane County TimeBank, Freedom, Inc., and Urban Triage, who demonstrated the

power of collaboration with their coordinated efforts to lead Madison's Black Lives Matter movement in the summer of 2020 in response to the murder of George Floyd.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Madison Common Council recognize that Community Shares of Wisconsin has made an enormous and invaluable contribution to Madison and the many people from all walks of life who have benefited directly from being participants and project recipients, and express their gratitude and continued support.