

2018 RES-074

RECOGNIZING MICHAEL JOHNSON AND HIS CONTRIBUTIONS TO DANE COUNTY

WHEREAS Michael Johnson, President & CEO of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Dane County since 2010, has led the agency on a journey of change that has set an example within the organization and Dane County; and

WHEREAS, Michael has accepted a position with the United Way in Cincinnati, where he will be doing his “dream job” as president and CEO; and

WHEREAS, his influence can be seen within the community where he led community discussions about topics such as racism and Madison’s achievement gap, violence prevention, public funding for nonprofits serving children, and homelessness; and

WHEREAS, Michael has grown the Boys and Girls Club of Dane County increasing the number children served from 1,800 in 2010 to 8,000 by the end of 2018; and

WHEREAS, a few of Michael’s achievements at the Boys and Girls Club include producing graduation rates of over 90 percent with a college prep course through a partnership with Madison Metropolitan School District and securing paid internships for more than 500 young people; and

WHEREAS, Michael has received multiple awards for his work in Dane County while with the Boys and Girls Club including NBC Award for Making a Difference, Madison 365’s “Most Influential African-Americans in Wisconsin”, In Business Magazine’s “Most Influential Person”, State of WI’s “Friends of Education” award from the State Superintendent, WI State Journal’s “Five People to Watch”, Boys and Girls Clubs of America’s “Midwest Executive of the Year”, Pennsylvania House of Representatives and Senate Honoree, Madison Magazine’s “Person of the Year”, Omega Psi Phi Wisconsin Chapter’s Citizen of the Year; and

WHEREAS, Michael’s commitment and determination to the residents of Dane County will be felt for years to come.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Dane County Board of Supervisors appreciates and respects Michael Johnson’s work and impact on Dane County for the last eight years and wishes him the best on his future endeavor in Cincinnati.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Dane County Board of Supervisors presents a copy of this resolution to Michael Johnson as a token of the esteem he is held in.