

2019 RES-101

RECOGNIZING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF MICHELE BESANT TO DANE COUNTY

WHEREAS, over 25 years ago, Michele Besant started a practicum project establishing a library in the Dane County Jail; and

WHEREAS, since the jail library was created Michele has continued to manage the library offering access to over 40,000 books and 10,000 magazines/newspapers a year to those in the jail; and

WHEREAS in 1999 Michele's project was so successful that it won the Presidential Points of Light service award as well as many other local awards including an award for Michele as the United Way Community Volunteer award in 2014; and

WHEREAS, Michele has given contributions of time, talent, and dedication to making sure those in the jail have access to library materials; and

WHEREAS, Dane County is fortunate to have volunteers such as Michele Besant to provide an example of selflessness and commitment to the residents in the County.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Dane County Board of Supervisors recognizes Michele Besant for her idea over twenty-five years ago to create a library in the Dane County Jail.

BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED, that the Dane County Board of Supervisors recognizes the impact that Michele has had on those in the jail by continuing to manage the library.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Dane County Board of Supervisors presents a copy of this resolution to Michele Besant as a token of a token of esteem she is held by this Board.