## 2019 RES-102 MEMORIAL TO EYVONNE CRAWFORD-GRAY

WHEREAS Eyvonne Crawford-Gray, Dane County resident and former County Board Supervisor, passed away on Friday, May 3, 2019; and

WHEREAS Eyvonne was an admired mother, activist, entrepreneur, neighbor, and politician who earned respect and admiration from all of those who had the privilege of knowing her; Eyvonne loved to travel and had a passion for cooking and baking which prompted her to start a restaurant and catering business that she co-owned and operated for over 20 years; and

WHEREAS Eyvonne held several positions with the State of Wisconsin, most of which were with the Department of Public Instruction as an Education Specialist; and

WHEREAS Eyvonne also served the community in many ways, including as a member of the Allied Drive Neighborhood Center; League of Women Voters; Madison Community Block Grant Commission; Madison Police Advisory Board; as a Dane County Board Supervisor; and on the Education Committee for St. James School; and

WHEREAS Eyvonne was the first African American woman elected to serve on the Dane County Board of Supervisors, where she was a thoughtful and respected voice on the Board and on a variety of committees, including the Budget Committee, Health and Human Needs Committee, Real Estate and Space Needs Committee, and the Human Services Board; and

WHEREAS, whether it was raising her two children, her passion for education, serving in local elected office, advocating for social justice, or engaging in long conversations with friends and family, Eyvonne was always a positive, constructive contributor who was passionate about life and making a difference.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that a copy of this resolution be presented to the family of Eyvonne Crawford-Gray as a token of the esteem and deep respect with which she is held by the Dane County Board of Supervisors and the residents of Dane County.

Sharon Corrigan
Dane County Board Chair

Signed and sealed before me this 19<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2019

Scott McDonell
Dane County Clerk