## 2020 RES-381

## **RECOGNIZING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF DAN REMICK TO DANE COUNTY**

WHEREAS, Daniel Remick, of the City of Madison, passed away in January of 2021; and

WHEREAS, Dan was beloved by many and a steadfast advocate for people with disabilities; and

**WHEREAS**, Dan previously served on and was a valued member of the Dane County Equal Opportunity Commission; and

**WHEREAS**, Dan also help found People First of Dane County and People First Wisconsin and the Apostolic for People with Disabilities; Dan was also a board member of both Arc of Dane County and Arc of Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS, Dan advocated for people with disabilities at all levels of the government, often testifying before the Dane County Board of Supervisors, the Madison City Council, and the State Legislature with the goals of expanding inclusivity; increasing funding, work, and school opportunities for people with disabilities; closing institutions; and changing the language within the Catholic church and state statutes from the "R word" to "people with disabilities"; and

**WHEREAS,** for his advocacy efforts, Dan received numerous awards including a special commendation from former Wisconsin Governor Doyle and the Arc-Dane County's Lifetime Achievement Award; and

**WHEREAS,** Dan was close friends and roommates with Darwin Ness; together they were a force to be reckoned with and positively changed the lives of many people living with disabilities throughout Dane County and Wisconsin; and

**WHEREAS**, Dan enjoyed being outside, listening to Irish music, spending time with Ann Marie – his sweetie, writing articles for the Choices newsletter, rooting for the Green Bay Packers, Badgers, Mallards, and Brewers, going to his exercise classes at Warner Park, and spending time with his family.

**NOW, THERFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Dane County Board of Supervisors hereby pays its respects to Dan and extends its sympathies to his family and friends.

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that a copy of this resolution be presented to Randy Wilkins, Dan's friend and caregiver, as a token of the esteem with which he is held by the Dane County Board of Supervisors and the residents of Dane County.

Analiese Eicher, Chair Dane County Board of Supervisor

Signed and sealed before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2021.

Scott McDonell, Dane County Clerk