

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

Proclamation

Whereas, the Office of the Professional Municipal Clerk, a time-honored and vital part of local government, exists throughout the world and is the oldest among public servants; and

Whereas, the week of May 3-9, 2020, marks the 51st anniversary of Municipal Clerks Week; and

Whereas, the Municipal Clerk provides the professional link between the citizens, the local governing bodies and agencies of government at other levels, and

Whereas, Municipal Clerks have pledged to be ever mindful of their neutrality and impartiality, rendering equal service to all. The Municipal Clerk serves as the information center on functions of local government and community; and


Whereas, Municipal Clerks' main function is to serve as the Common Council's foundation, with duties that include but are not limited to preparing agendas, taking minutes, maintaining ordinance and resolution files, keeping the municipal records, administering of liquor licensing, board of review and the administration of elections; and

Whereas, administration of an election is often taken for granted, but in reality, there are months of preparation and organization to administer this key element in the democratic process. South Milwaukee City Clerk Karen Kastenson and her team exemplified this with the recent administration of the most historic and unprecedented election in Wisconsin history. Despite the ever-changing status of the election and new challenges brought by the COVID-19 pandemic, Karen and her team navigated all of the new and varied trials to ensure the citizens of South Milwaukee were able to safely cast their votes.

Whereas, it is most appropriate that we recognize the leadership and accomplishments of City Clerk Karen Kastenson and the staff of the Municipal Clerk's Office and all the vital services they perform and dedication to the communities they represent.

Now, Therefore, I, Erik Brooks, Mayor of the City of South Milwaukee do hereby recognize the week of May 3 through May 9, 2020, as Professional Municipal Clerks Week and extend our appreciation to City Clerk Karen Kastenson and all Professional Municipals Clerks for the vital services they perform.




ERIK BROOKS, Mayor