

# **Freshwater for Life Action Coalition: Long-awaited lead transparency resolution approved by City of Milwaukee Common Council**

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MILWAUKEE – The Lead Transparency resolution – file #170131: ‘Resolution relating to Health Department recommendations for avoiding lead exposure’ – was adopted unanimously by the Common Council during yesterday’s meeting.

The resolution was sponsored by Alderpersons Tony Zielinski, Jim Bohl and Chantia Lewis after extensive research and collaboration with local organizations about the importance and accuracy of community lead education. The resolution requires enhanced communications between the Milwaukee Health Department and the local community about the health risks of lead in water, especially for high-risk populations.

The resolution awaits Mayor Tom Barrett’s signature to become law.

Robert Miranda, spokesperson for FLAC and member of the Milwaukee Nutrition & Lead Task Force, who has worked to inform Milwaukeeans about the dangers and presence of lead in drinking water since early last year, also supported the resolution.

“The Freshwater for Life Action Coalition has advocated for years that lead pipes in

homes be removed because they cause lead poisoning,” said Miranda. “This legislation represents a victory for the people of Milwaukee who deserve to understand their risks of lead poisoning from drinking water. FLAC stands united with water and health advocates and will continue to organize the community into a unified voice until the City eradicates lead pipes from all homes.”