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## **Joint Statement on Health Department Leadership**

**From Alderman Ashanti Hamilton, Alderman Cavalier “Chevy” Johnson, Alderwoman Chantia Lewis, Alderman Mark A. Borkowski, Alderman Tony Zielinski, Alderman Bob Donovan, Alderwoman Milele A. Coggs, Alderman Robert J. Bauman, Alderman Khalif J. Rainey, and Alderman Russell W. Stamper, II**

We would like to offer our sincere thanks to Dr. Patricia McManus for her service and commitment to Milwaukee during her tenure as interim Commissioner of the Health Department. Dr. McManus provided firm, professional and attentive leadership during a very difficult time and brought transparency when it was needed most. Her unwavering commitment to this community as well as her frank communication with us about the status of the MHD has been greatly appreciated. It is under her unapologetic leadership that we have been able to begin the process of course correction.

We also offer our sincere congratulations to Dr. Jeanette Kowalik on her appointment today as the permanent Commissioner of the Health Department. We look forward to her service and leadership, and we welcome her regular updates on changes and improvements aimed at boosting the overall health, safety and well-being of the citizens of Milwaukee.

Now the real work truly begins!