

PROCLAMATION

HONORING MARIANA LIEBSCH AND MARTIN ZABKOWICZ FOR THEIR EFFORTS IN IDENTIFYING SALMONELLA CONTAMINATION AND HELPING PREVENT FOODBORNE ILLNESS

WHEREAS, Mariana Liebsch, South Milwaukee Health Department nurse, performed the initial follow-up with a patient suffering from symptoms related to foodborne illness, and the timely and comprehensive interview performed was helpful to the investigation by the Wisconsin Division of Public Health, and

WHEREAS, Martin Zabkowicz, Health Sanitarian, collected the consumer product sample and submitted it for testing, which greatly contributed to the identification of this illness, and ultimately the nationwide recall; and

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin Department of Health and Family Services notified the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Food Safety and Inspection Service of a patient diagnosed with Salmonellosis, caused by *Salmonella* serotype Hadar, an antibiotic resistant strain of *Salmonella*; and

WHEREAS, the initial investigation expanded to include 12 people in Arizona, California, Georgia, Colorado, Illinois, Mississippi, Missouri, Ohio, and Washington; and

WHEREAS, the affected food product was distributed nationwide, has been linked to one illness in Wisconsin, and several others throughout the nation; and

WHEREAS, *Salmonella* infection can be life-threatening, especially to those with weak immune systems, such as infants, the elderly, and persons with HIV infection or undergoing chemotherapy.

WHEREAS, The Jennie-O Turkey Store, a Willmar, Minnesota meat product firm, recently recalled 54,960 pounds of frozen, raw turkey burger products due to possible *Salmonella* contamination as a result of the initial findings, and investigation that followed.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Mayor Thomas Zepecki and the Common Council of the City of South Milwaukee, do hereby commend Mariana Liebsch and Martin Zabkowicz for their hard work and dedication to the public health of the residents of the City of South Milwaukee.

THOMAS ZEPECKI, Mayor