

**HONORING THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE INTRODUCTION OF THE FIRST
AUTOMATIC CIRCUIT RECLOSE IN SOUTH MILWAUKEE**

WHEREAS, employees of Eaton Corporation's Ninth Avenue facility are celebrating the 75th anniversary of the introduction of their first automatic circuit recloser to the electric utility industry in South Milwaukee in 2016, marking a legacy of people and products that have played a major role in making our electric power supply more dependable; and

WHEREAS, in 1921 W. D. Kyle Sr. bought a controlling interest in a small mechanics hand tool manufacturing company in South Milwaukee. In 1933, Mr. Kyle started the Electrical Connectors Manufacturing Company, which soon became known as Kyle Corporation. Kyle Corporation later merged with the Line Material Co. in 1947, with more mergers and name changes to follow. The plant continued to grow. By the 1970s, the Kyle Products plant of the McGraw-Edison Power Systems Division was regarded as the world's largest manufacturer of electrical distribution switchgear, including reclosers, switches, sectionalizers, fault interrupters, switchgear and electronic controls; and

WHEREAS, in 1985, Cooper purchased McGraw-Edison Company, with Cooper Power Systems continuing to operate its Kyle Distribution Switchgear plant in South Milwaukee; and

WHEREAS, on October 2, 1991, the employees of the Kyle plant celebrated the 50th anniversary of the introduction of their first automatic circuit recloser to the electric utility industry, creating a time capsule to be opened at the employee picnic in the year 2016 and again in the year 2041; and

WHEREAS, Eaton Corporation acquired Cooper Industries in 2012, ushering in a new era of growth as a power management powerhouse. The acquisition has allowed Eaton to build on both companies' successes by substantially growing the global scale of their complementary electrical businesses, as well as the global reach and range of products and services that support their customers, including electrical distribution products manufactured in South Milwaukee, and;

WHEREAS, the 75th anniversary of the first automatic circuit recloser in Eaton's South Milwaukee facility is worthy of celebration and acclaim.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the 75th anniversary of automatic circuit recloser product manufacturing in Eaton's South Milwaukee facility is worth of celebration and acclaim, and I Mayor Erik Brooks, and the Common Council of the City of South Milwaukee, extend our congratulations to the Eaton Corporation and extend our best wishes for continued success.

Dated this 1st day of October, 2016.