



MILWAUKEE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Supervisor Kathleen Vincent - District II

FOR PLANNING PURPOSES: December 2, 2023, at 12 p.m.

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Supervisor Vincent to Honor Ocean Connections CEO Shelley Ballman, Applauding 33 Years of Community Education

Citation to be Presented at the Show's Final Weekend in Milwaukee

MILWAUKEE – On December 2, 2023, at 12 p.m. Supervisor Kathleen Vincent will be recognizing Ocean Connections Inc. for their outstanding 33-year commitment to educating the community about marine life at the Milwaukee County Zoo. Supervisor Vincent will present a citation during the organization's farewell weekend, with a subsequent formal acknowledgment scheduled for the December Board meeting on December 21, 2023, at 9:30 a.m.

Supervisor Vincent issued the following statement, expressing her deep appreciation for Ocean Connections Inc. and CEO Shelley Ballman:

"I extend my sincere gratitude to Shelley Ballman and Ocean Connections for their remarkable 33 years of dedicated service to Milwaukee County. Their significant contributions to our community, through the captivating seal and sea lion exhibit at the Milwaukee County Zoo, have left a lasting mark on our residents. While Ocean Connections' departure from the Milwaukee County Zoo is a profound loss for our community, it is important to recognize the legacy they are leaving behind. Ocean Connections enriched our community with education, conservation, and a deep appreciation for marine life. On behalf of the Milwaukee County Board, I'm grateful to have the opportunity to express our heartfelt thanks for their unwavering commitment."

Ocean Connections, a nonprofit organization responsible for the operation of the seal and sea lion facility at the Milwaukee County Zoo, has played a vital role in providing educational and inspiring experiences for thousands of visitors. Their final show at the Milwaukee County Zoo is scheduled to take place on December 3, 2023.

The citation serves as a symbol of gratitude, acknowledging Ocean Connections for their 33 years of commitment to education and conservation and aims to highlight the positive impact the organization has had on the community.

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