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KALAN HAYWOOD II ELECTED BY HIS PEERS AS THE FIRST BLACK ASSISTANT DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS LEADER IN WISCONSIN

MADISON (December 21, 2021) – Yesterday, Kalan Haywood II was voted in to officially become the youngest Assistant Democratic Leader in Wisconsin, at age 22.

First, thank you to my predecessor, Representative Dianne Hesselbein, Assistant Caucus Leader and our Caucus Leader, Representative Gordon Hintz, who demonstrated dedication, guidance and strength during their tenure.

Congratulations to Assembly Democratic Leader-Elect Greta Neubauer. I look forward to teaming with her and the Leadership team to move Democratic values and priorities forward.

"The past couple years have been very challenging for the Assembly Democrats with COVID-19 as well as the current redistricting challenges by having the most partisan drawn legislative districts in the country. I am excited to have this opportunity to be in this position around a talented and diverse group of individuals. I look forward to the work ahead of us in advocating for our state during these times."

"I'm very excited about using the opportunities this leadership role provides to the continued work on the issues that greatly impact the people of the 16th Assembly District and our state. My election as Assistant Democratic Leader also shows the recent growth in diversity all over Wisconsin. There are many issues and policy discussion to be had. I will continue to lead discussions ranging from climate change, healthcare, education, job creation, safety, fair and equitable housing," said Rep. Haywood.

Haywood is State Representative for the 16th Assembly District in the Wisconsin State Legislature 105th Legislative Session (2021-2022) and will settle into his new leadership role on February 14, 2022 during black History Month.

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