

BY ALD. HINES, COGGS, HAMILTON, WADE, BOHL

Resolution recognizing National Black Marriage Day on March 1, 2013.

**WHEREAS,**

**NATIONAL BLACK MARRIAGE DAY**

is a national day of celebration themed “Celebrate the Joy” on March 1, 2013;

**WHEREAS,** National Black Marriage Day was initiated by the Wedded Bliss Foundation headquartered in Washington, D.C. to recognize and awaken all Americans to the importance and significance of marriage in the African-American community; and

**WHEREAS,** COMPEL Milwaukee, a privately funded family advocacy agency based in the heart of Milwaukee, has taken a proactive approach to reestablish family heritage and is sponsoring “Celebrate the Joy”, and has been instrumental in promoting family values and the benefits of marriage in the City of Milwaukee;

**WHEREAS,** COMPEL joined with the Wedded Bliss Foundation, Inc., to support the national celebration of Black Marriage Day and launched marriage strengthening initiatives which include the promotion of this event and healthy relationship classes for teens and adults; and

**RESOLVED,** That the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee herewith recognizes National Black Marriage Day and COMPEL Milwaukee for its dedication to strengthening marriage and working to provide the resources for healthy and happy marriages necessary for our community’s growth; and, be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED,** That a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to COMPEL Milwaukee.

**Introduced by Common Council members Willie L. Hines, Jr., Milele A. Coggs, Ashanti Hamilton, Willie C. Wade and Jim Bohl and approved by all members of the Milwaukee Common Council on February 5, 2013.**