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*Resolution welcoming and formally recognizing the contributions and talents of Shen Yun Performing Arts.*

**WHEREAS,**

**SHEN YUN PERFORMING ARTS**

*performed its live program with orchestra at the Milwaukee Theatre on March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5th, 2017 as part of its grad tour of U.S. cities; and*

***WHEREAS,** A global phenomenon, Shen Yun Performing Arts brought to Milwaukee a rich, meaningful and unforgettable cultural event with its live orchestra combining the best of Chinese and Western composition, brilliant choreography, elaborate costumes and state-of-the-art digital backdrops; and*

***WHEREAS,** Shen Yun Performing Arts is the world's premier classical Chinese dance and music company and its rich repertory breaks new ground by focusing on the authentic cultural heritage of classical China and each year Shen Yun premieres an entirely new program of dances, songs, and musical scores; and*

***WHEREAS,** The mission of Shen Yun Performing Arts, a non-profit organization, is to revive the artistic tradition of China and breathe new life into Chinese culture while providing audiences everywhere with an experience of sublime beauty; and*

***WHEREAS,** Shen Yun Performing Arts has grown tremendously since 2006 when leading Chinese artists and several small performing companies joined together to revive an artistic tradition, and with its annual new shows, Shen Yun performs at the world's top venues, including Lincoln Center in New York, Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C., and the London Coliseum, and the Shen Yun Symphony Orchestra has played Carnegie Hall and is touring other revered concert halls across the U.S.; now, therefore, be it*

***RESOLVED,** That the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee welcomes and formally recognizes the contributions and talents of Shen Yun Performing Arts and wishes for the group a happy, healthy, and prosperous future; and be it*

***FURTHER RESOLVED,** That a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to Shen Yun Performing Arts.*

**Introduced by Common Council members Tony Zielinski, Michael J. Murphy, Mark A. Borkowski, Chantia Lewis, Terry L. Witkowski, Jim Bohl, Milele A. Coggs, José G. Pérez, Khalif J. Rainey, Cavalier Johnson and Russell W. Stamper, II and approved by all members of the Milwaukee Common Council on January 18, 2017.**