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Resolution recognizing the 2025 Our Lady of Lourdes Oktoberfest Artisan Fair.

WHEREAS,

2025 OUR LADY OF LOURDES OKTOBERFEST ARTISAN FAIR

was held on the ground of Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church in Milwaukee, 3722 S. 58th St., from October 10–12, 2025; and

WHEREAS, *Originally a parish-wide celebration in 2009, the Oktoberfest Artisan Fair has developed into a community tradition that welcomes a diverse lineup of artists in various media and draws over 2,000 visitors annually, supported by recognition in print and online publications as one of the best Oktoberfest celebrations in Southeastern Wisconsin; and*

WHEREAS, *Saturday Polka Mass, which attracts people from all over the region to sing, dance, and express their faith in a spirit of joy and unity, is a highlight of the Oktoberfest Artisan Fair every year; and*

WHEREAS, *The festival also offers family-friendly events that promote community involvement and intergenerational relationships, such as a campfire, s'mores, art projects, sheephead games, cakewalks, balloon volleyball, and many other fun activities; and*

WHEREAS, *Our Lady of Lourdes, a Catholic parish that embraces everyone and commits its creativity to the service of justice, compassion, and hospitality, embodies the timeless spirit of Gemütlichkeit, warmth, friendliness, and good cheer that has long shaped Milwaukee's cultural character; now, therefore, be it*

RESOLVED, *The Common Council of the City of Milwaukee herewith acknowledges the positive contributions made by the 2025 Our Lady of Lourdes Oktoberfest Artisan Fair to the City and wishes it continued prosperity; and, be it*

FURTHER RESOLVED, *That a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church.*

Introduced by Common Council members Peter Burgelis, Scott Spiker José G. Pérez, Russell W. Stamper, II, Mark Chambers, Jr., Milele A. Cogg, Andrea M. Pratt, Robert Bauman, Lamont Westmoreland, JoCasta Zamarripa, Sharlen P. Moore, and Larresa Taylor and approved by all members of the Milwaukee Common Council on October 14, 2025.