

BY ALD. HINES

Resolution recognizing October as National Crime Prevention Month.

WHEREAS,

NATIONAL CRIME PREVENTION MONTH

was recognized in October 2013 by the National Crime Prevention Council, with an added emphasis on combating gangs and gang violence; and

WHEREAS, *Since National Crime Prevention Month was first recognized by presidential declaration in 1984, the NCPC has been working with local law enforcement, government agencies, civic groups, schools, businesses and other organizations to help them spread the word about crime prevention and personal safety; and*

WHEREAS, *During National Crime Prevention Month and throughout 2013, more than 300 communities worked through the NCPC's Celebrate Safe Communities initiative to hold local crime prevention events where government, law enforcement, schools, businesses and neighborhoods joined together to share safety tips and generate awareness of public safety solutions to local crime problems; and*

WHEREAS, *The organizers of National Crime Prevention Month used the occasion to highlight that membership in gangs is growing, and that approximately one in 200 Americans is now a member of a gang, but that proven strategies exist for combating gang membership and the spread of gangs, and that education and intervention at an early age can reduce gang involvement; now, therefore, be it*

RESOLVED, *That the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee herewith recognizes National Crime Prevention Month and renews its commitment to reducing gang membership and combating gang violence in the community; and be it*

FURTHER RESOLVED, *That a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to the local organizers of National Crime Prevention Month.*

Introduced by Common Council member Willie L. Hines, Jr. and approved by all members of the Milwaukee Common Council on October 15, 2013.