

BY ALDS. COGGS, WADE, HINES, PEREZ, KOVAC

*Resolution recognizing the 11<sup>th</sup> annual Summer of Peace Parade and Peace Rally on July 26, 2013.*

**WHEREAS,**

***SUMMER OF PEACE PARADE AND PEACE RALLY***

*continued to make a positive impact in the community with its 11<sup>th</sup> annual event at Washington Park on July 26, 2013, bringing youth, families and organizations together to showcase and celebrate their collective work to prevent violence; and*

**WHEREAS,** *Founded in 2002 by Tanya Cromartie and Fidel Verdin, Summer of Peace 365 is a year-round peace arts program providing a platform for teens to create and promote principles of non-violence, racial justice and civic responsibility; and*

**WHEREAS,** *The colorful Summer of Peace All City Parade started at the Sherman Park Mary Ryan Boys and Girls Club, and proceeded along Sherman Boulevard into Washington Park where children, youth, community members and professional artists showcased giant puppets and floats accompanied by dancers and music around the theme of “Peace and Sustainability” – developed in workshops conducted by Milwaukee Public Theatre and Milwaukee Mask and Puppet Theatre; and*

**WHEREAS,** *The 2013 Summer of Peace Rally took place at the Washington Park band shell, and featured popular DJs, musicians and entertainers, exhibits of youth workshop projects and public awareness campaigns, information and resource booths and arts and crafts; and*

**WHEREAS,** *Summer of Peace participants include Sherman Park Community Association, Washington Park Partners, members of the Medical College of Wisconsin Violence Prevention Initiative, Peace Action, the Peace Learning Center, the Pan-African Community Association, Milwaukee Damas, the Boys and Girls Clubs of Milwaukee, ACLU of Wisconsin, Safe and Sound, Milwaukee Public Theatre, Milwaukee Mask and Puppet Theatre, Our Next Generation, COA Youth & Family Center, United Neighborhood Centers of Milwaukee, the Urban Ecology Center, Running Rebels, True Skool and many more; now, therefore, be it*

**RESOLVED,** *That the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee herewith recognizes the 11<sup>th</sup> annual Summer of Peace Parade and Peace Rally, and commends and thanks the event’s organizers, volunteers, sponsors and participants for a positive influence and contribution to the community; and, be it*

**FURTHER RESOLVED,** *That a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to organizers of the Summer of Peace Parade and Peace Rally.*

**Introduced by Common Council members Milele A. Coggs, Willie C. Wade, Willie L. Hines Jr., José G. Pérez and Nik Kovac and approved by all members of the Milwaukee Common Council on September 4, 2013.**