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Resolution recognizing the 26th annual King Fest Celebration

WHEREAS,

THE 26TH ANNUAL KING FEST

celebrated the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. on January 19, 2026 at the Wisconsin Black Historical Society/Museum, 2620 West Center Street; and

WHEREAS, *The 26th Annual King Fest included a community program, local vendors, keynote speakers, musical performances, and other cultural displays under the theme of “Reclamation, Re-ascension, Revitalization” to commemorate the life and legacy of the great Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.; and*

WHEREAS, *The 26th Annual King Fest featured Illinois Congressman Jonathan L. Jackson, the son of Rev. Jesse Jackson, Sr., and included an ode to all of the important work Rev. Jackson has done to support and uplift the city of Milwaukee; and*

WHEREAS, *Rev. Jesse Jackson, Sr.’s legacy in Milwaukee is far-reaching and includes marching alongside local leaders to support fair housing, demanding accountability due to racial discrimination that occurred in the investigation of Jeffrey Dahmer, leading rallies against regressive Wisconsin voter ID laws, and rallying the community and demanding transparency after the death of Donte Hamilton, among many other instances of fighting for marginalized communities in Milwaukee; now, therefore, be it*

RESOLVED, *That the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee herewith recognizes the 26th annual King Fest Celebration, and extends its appreciation to Rev. Jesse Jackson, Sr. for his lifelong commitment to racial justice and longstanding support and influence in Milwaukee; and, be it*

FURTHER RESOLVED, *That a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to Jonathan L. Jackson.*

Introduced by Common Council members Russell W. Stamper, II, Milele A. Coggs, Larresa Taylor, Mark Chambers, Jr., Sharlen P. Moore, Lamont Westmoreland, Scott Spiker, Alex Brower, José G. Pérez, Robert Bauman, Andrea M. Pratt, and JoCasta Zamarripa and approved by all members of the Milwaukee Common Council on January 20, 2026.