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*Resolution expressing condolences to the family and friends of Cortez Burt.*

**WHEREAS,**

## **CORTEZ BURT**

*passed from this life on April 19, 2026, and services were held for family and friends on May 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>, 2026, in Milwaukee, WI.; and*

**WHEREAS,** *Cortez Burt was a proud alumnus of North Division High School, where he was involved in the school choir, and would go on to graduate from VanderCook College of Music in Chicago with a Bachelor of Arts in Music Education, beginning his lifelong passion for music that would see him become known as “The Music Maestro”; and*

**WHEREAS,** *Cortez Burt served for 39 years as Minister of Music for Greater New Birth Church in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, under the pastorship of Bishop R. J. Burt, and Cortez would also hold positions such as Music Director for We Are The Drum, and Music Producer for various projects, continuing his love of music and supporting the community; and*

**WHEREAS,** *Among his notable performances, Cortez Burt performed with the Symphony Orchestra in New York, at Carnegie Hall, toured in Vienna, Austria, and played on the stage at the historic Apollo Theater; and*

**WHEREAS,** *Cortez Burt was incredibly involved in the community, and was a mentor to many young musicians, served many churches, and taught all musicians he worked with to embrace who they are and who God has called them to be; now, therefore, be it*

**RESOLVED,** *That the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee herewith offers its sincerest condolences to the family and friends of Cortez Burt and mourns the passing of this upstanding man; and, be it*

**FURTHER RESOLVED,** *That a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to the family of Cortez Burt.*

**Introduced by Common Council members Larresa Taylor, Milele A. Coggs, José G. Pérez, Russell W. Stamper, II, Sharlen P. Moore, Andrea M. Pratt, Peter Burgelis, JoCasta Zamarripa, Mark Chambers, Jr., Robert Bauman, Lamont Westmoreland, and Scott Spiker, and approved by all members of the Milwaukee Common Council on May 12, 2026.**