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*Resolution recognizing QWERTY Fest and the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the invention of the typewriter.*

**WHEREAS,**

## **QWERTY MKE DAY**

*was recognized in conjunction with the QWERTYFest celebration in Milwaukee from June 23 to June 25, 2023 and also of the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the production of the typewriter, an invention of Milwaukee; and*

**WHEREAS,** *The typewriter has had an enduring and massive impact on literature, communication, and information throughout both America and the entire world; and*

**WHEREAS,** *The first commercial typewriter, invented by Christopher Latham Sholes, a Milwaukee native, went into production for commercial manufacturing in 1873, 150 years ago, thus marking the creation of one of the most influential inventions of all time and the definition of the now-universal QWERTY keyboard layout; and*

**WHEREAS,** *QWERTYFest festivities were held in celebration of this momentous anniversary and of expression of the written word in general, including a weekend of parties, games, speaking events, live music, art exhibitions, and historical commemorations of the typewriter and its contributions to literature and technological development; now, therefore, be it*

**RESOLVED,** *That the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee herewith observes QWERTY MKE Day, commemorates the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the invention of the typewriter in the city, and celebrates QWERTYFest; and, be it*

**FURTHER RESOLVED,** *That a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to the organizers of QWERTYFest.*

**Introduced by Common Council members Jonathan Brostoff, Michael J. Murphy, Robert J. Bauman, Milele A. Coggs, José G. Pérez, Mark A. Borkowski, Mark Chambers, Jr., Scott Spiker, Russell W. Stamper, II, Angela M. Pratt, Khalif J. Rainey, JoCasta Zamarripa, and Lamont Westmoreland and approved by all members of the Milwaukee Common Council on June 20, 2023.**