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Resolution recognizing St. Sava Serbian Orthodox Cathedral on the occasion of its annual Church Slava

WHEREAS,

ST. SAVA SERBIAN ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL

celebrated its annual Church Slava on January 27, 2026 at St. Sava Serbian Orthodox Cathedral, 3201 S. 51st St., St. Sava Cultural Center, and Serb Hall; and

WHEREAS, *A Church Slava is a unique Serbian Orthodox tradition where families honor their patron saint, but for St. Sava, it becomes a community-wide celebration for the entire Serbian nation, as St. Sava, founder of the Serbian Church, is a patron saint of education, unity, and the nation who also established the autocephalous church and influenced Serbian law; and*

WHEREAS, *St. Sava Serbian Orthodox Cathedral held special church services as a symbol of faith and unity, the Divine Liturgy service and the blessing of the Slava Kolač and Zito, followed by a festive meal of traditional Serbian dishes as well as a cultural program of poems, plays, and music; and*

WHEREAS, *The St. Sava Church Slava is now much more than just a tradition; it's a community-wide celebration for the entire Serbian community that offers a time for fellowship, reinforcement of religious ties, and celebration of Serbian identity; now, therefore, be it*

RESOLVED, *That the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee herewith recognizes St. Sava Serbian Orthodox Cathedral during its Church Slava and commends the priests, volunteers, and community members for their enduring contributions to Milwaukee's cultural and religious landscape; and, be it*

FURTHER RESOLVED, *That a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to St. Sava Serbian Orthodox Cathedral as a token of the City's appreciation for its contributions to the community.*

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