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Resolution recognizing the 55th Annual Juneteenth Day Celebration on June 19, 2026.

WHEREAS,

JUNETEENTH DAY

was celebrated in Milwaukee on June 19, 2026 on N. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Dr.; and

WHEREAS, *Juneteenth Day is a nationwide event commemorating freedom proclaimed to all enslaved people of African descent in the South by Union General Gordon Granger on June 19, 1865 in Galveston, Texas, nearly two and a half years after the signing of the Emancipation Proclamation; and*

WHEREAS, *2026 marks the 55th Juneteenth Day celebration in Milwaukee, and this year's Juneteenth Day theme is "Honoring the Past and Empowering the Future," and festivities will include the 55th Annual Juneteenth Jubilee Parade, street festival, Summerfest programming, Little Miss & Junior Mister Juneteenth pageants, Miss & Mister Juneteenth pageants and much more; and*

WHEREAS, *Northcott Neighborhood House serves as a vital contributor to the annual Juneteenth Day celebration, and has served the community since 1961 as a multi-purpose community center designed to maintain family stability, lessen neighborhood tensions, combat community deterioration and provide an array of programs and services to the residents and has partnered with numerous Milwaukee agencies and organizations to sponsor Juneteenth Day events including the annual Juneteenth Day Parade; and*

WHEREAS, *Milwaukee has one of the longest-running Juneteenth celebrations in the nation, and Juneteenth Day is an essential event in Milwaukee and fulfills the mission of the Northcott Neighborhood House by providing programs for the neighborhood, the community and local youth; now, therefore, be it*

RESOLVED, *That the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee herewith recognizes Northcott Neighborhood House for its sponsorship of the 55th Annual Juneteenth Day Celebration in the City of Milwaukee and wishes the organization continued success in fulfilling its mission; and, be it*

FURTHER RESOLVED, *That a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to Tony Kearney, Executive Director of Northcott Neighborhood House, and the Juneteenth Planning Committee.*

Introduced by Common Council members Milele A. Coggs, Russell W. Stamper, II, Andrea M. Pratt, Mark Chambers, Jr., Larresa Taylor, Lamont Westmoreland, DiAndre Jackson, Sharlen Moore, JoCasta Zamarripa, Alex Brower, José G. Pérez and Robert J. Bauman and approved by all members of the Milwaukee Common Council on June 23, 2026.