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Resolution congratulating Gianna Cooks on being named Miss Juneteenth 2026.

WHEREAS,

GIANNA COOKS

was named Miss Juneteenth 2026, and was honored by the full Common Council on June 23, 2026; and

WHEREAS, *For 55 years, Northcott Neighborhood House has presented the Juneteenth Scholarship Pageant to showcase the best of African American youth in Milwaukee, with pageant winners serving as role models for all of Milwaukee's youth, and as a great source of pride to their peers striving to realize their potential as future leaders; and*

WHEREAS, *Miss Juneteenth must be between the ages of 14-18, and contestants are judged on poise and personality, creativity, speech, talent, responses to interview questions and a written essay, in addition to scholastic achievements; and*

WHEREAS, *Gianna Cooks recently graduated from the University School of Milwaukee with a 4.22 cumulative GPA, graduating with honors, and plans to attend Jackson State as an Honors College student majoring in graphic design with a minor in psychology, and she is committed to community service, self-improvement, and the idea of not giving up on your dreams, and her biggest goals in life is to replace generational curses with generational wealth, and to have a positive impact on anyone she has the privilege of coming across; now, therefore, be it*

RESOLVED, *That the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee herewith recognizes Gianna Cooks on being named Miss Juneteenth 2026 and wishes for her continued success in the future; and, be it*

FURTHER RESOLVED, *That a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to Gianna Cooks.*

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