

BY ALD. KOVAC

*Resolution commending the Milwaukee Fair Trade Coalition on its 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Greater Milwaukee Fair Trade Crawl on Saturday, May 10, 2014.*

**WHEREAS,**

**THE MILWAUKEE FAIR TRADE COALITION**

*celebrated the 7th Annual Greater Milwaukee Fair Trade Crawl on Saturday, May 10, 2014; and*

***WHEREAS,** The Milwaukee Fair Trade Coalition highlights the city's designation as a Fair Trade City since 2007 by promoting the abundance of fair trade products and benefits for businesses and consumers; and*

***WHEREAS,** The Milwaukee Fair Trade Coalition educates individuals, businesses and lawmakers on the importance of buying fairly-traded goods, promotes standards for international labor and environmentalism and creates equitable partnerships between North American consumers and producers in developing regions of the world; and*

***WHEREAS,** In organizing the Greater Milwaukee Fair Trade Crawl, the Milwaukee Fair Trade Coalition recognizes the 25 local businesses that offer a wide variety of fair trade products, including coffee, chocolate, tea, wine, decorative home accessories, baskets, jewelry, toys, musical instruments and clothing, to Milwaukee-area consumers; now, therefore, be it*

***RESOLVED,** That the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee herewith commends the Milwaukee Fair Trade Coalition on its 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Greater Milwaukee Fair Trade Crawl, thanks the organization for helping recognize the importance of sustainable trade practices and thanks it for its contributions to the community; and, be it*

***FURTHER RESOLVED,** That a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to the Milwaukee Fair Trade Coalition.*

***Introduced by Common Council member Nik Kovac and approved by all members of the Milwaukee Common Council on May 13, 2014.***