

**BY ALD. COGGS**

*Resolution recognizing the 16th Annual Garfield Avenue Blues, Jazz, Gospel & Arts Festival.*

**WHEREAS,**

***THE 16th ANNUAL GARFIELD AVENUE BLUES, JAZZ, GOSPEL & ARTS FESTIVAL***

*was celebrated July 20, 2013 on Garfield Avenue between 4th and 7th St.; and*

**WHEREAS,** *The Garfield Avenue Blues, Jazz, Gospel & Arts Festival was founded in 1997 by local businessmen Everett "Bobbie" Moore, attorney Tom Jacobson and LaMarr Franklin as a way to show appreciation for their loyal customers, started out as a half day, two-block festival and is now a two-day festival that covers six blocks, showcases over 150 vendors, hosts over 16 local bands and attracts over 20,000 people every year; and*

**WHEREAS,** *Its organizer, Andre Lee Ellis, has been a life-long lover of music and theatre and also is the proprietor of the Andre Lee Ellis Theatre Company and Ms. Ellis, along with sponsors such as Northcott Neighborhood House, Garfield 502, Cricket Wireless, Johnson Controls, Gruber Law Office and 98.3 FM, continue to help keep the torch burning; and*

**WHEREAS,** *The 16th Annual Garfield Avenue Blues, Jazz, Gospel & Arts Festival is an essential event in Milwaukee that provides food, fun and entertainment for the whole family; now, therefore, be it;*

**RESOLVED,** *That the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee herewith recognizes the 16th Annual Garfield Avenue Blues, Jazz, Gospel & Arts Festival celebration in the City of Milwaukee and wishes the group continued success in the future; and, be it*

**FURTHER RESOLVED,** *That a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to representatives of the 16th Annual Garfield Avenue Blues, Jazz, Gospel & Arts Festival.*

***Introduced by Common Council member Milele A. Coggs and approved by all members of the Milwaukee Common Council on July 23, 2013.***