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Resolution recognizing Bronzeville Week in the City of Milwaukee.

WHEREAS,

BRONZEVILLE WEEK

was celebrated August 17 – 24, 2013 for the first time ever in the City of Milwaukee; and

WHEREAS, *Approved by the Common Council, the inaugural 2013 Bronzeville Week was hosted by Alderwoman Milele A. Coggs and included sponsorship by the Friends of Bronzeville, and a vast array of activities included Gallery Night, a panel discussion on the history of Bronzeville, MKE Business Now- Bronzeville Business Resource Seminar, featured film and poetry events, Health Screenings, Empowerment Sunday, guided trolley tours of Bronzeville, and more; and*

WHEREAS, *The Bronzeville Cultural and Entertainment District is a City of Milwaukee redevelopment initiative inspired by Milwaukee's original Bronzeville District of the early to mid-1900s; and*

WHEREAS, *The term “Bronzeville” was typically given to an area of a city inhabited by African Americans in the late 1920s and early 1930s, and was described as “a reliable society in which people assisted each other in child rearing, job placement, tutoring, money lending, repair services, medical assistance and social interactions”; and*

WHEREAS, *The primary African-American economic and social hub of its time, Bronzeville brought all ethnicities together to celebrate African American culture; and*

WHEREAS, *The Bronzeville Cultural and Entertainment District initiative strives to revitalize an area of Milwaukee where African American culture has been a mainstay; and*

WHEREAS, *Bounded by Garfield Avenue to Center Street, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Drive to 7th Street, the Bronzeville District is slated to offer unique opportunities for residents and tourists to enjoy the best Milwaukee has to offer in entertainment, arts and culture; and*

WHEREAS, *The Bronzeville Redevelopment Plan seeks to create economic development in a predominately African American neighborhood in a way that recaptures the enthusiasm and attractiveness of the original Bronzeville District; now, therefore, be it*

RESOLVED, *That the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee herewith recognizes August 17-24, 2013 as Bronzeville Week, and encourages residents, business owners and visitors to join in the celebration; and, be it*

FURTHER RESOLVED, *That a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution will be presented on the Friends of Bronzeville.*

Introduced by Common Council member Milele A. Coggs and approved by all members of the Milwaukee Common Council on September 4, 2013.