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Resolution recognizing the 44th Annual Juneteenth Day Celebration events June 15, 2008 through June 19, 2015.

WHEREAS,

JUNETEENTH DAY

was celebrated June 15, 2015 through June 19, 2015 with a Freedom Ball, a street festival, a parade and the Miss Juneteenth Day Pageant; and

WHEREAS, *Milwaukee's participation in the annual Juneteenth Day Celebration, a national event commemorating the end of slavery in the United States, is in its 44th year and festivities opened with the Northcott Neighborhood House, Inc., We Energies, Milwaukee County Transit Company, Miller Coors Brewery Company, Beer Capitol Distributors, Helen Bader Foundation, Johnson Control, Direct Supply, Gruber Law Offices, LLC, Blood Center of Wisconsin, Jammin 98.3, Bell Ambulance, Freedom Ball on June 15, 2015; and*

WHEREAS, *Juneteenth Day commemorates African American freedom and emphasizes education and achievement through a day, a week, or a month marked with celebrations, guest speakers, picnics and family gatherings; and*

WHEREAS, *Northcott Neighborhood House has served the community since 1961, and is a multi-purpose community center designed to maintain family stability, lessen neighborhood tensions, combat community deterioration and provide a variety of programs and services to the residents and has partnered with numerous Milwaukee agencies and organizations to sponsor Juneteenth Day events including the Miss Juneteenth Day Pageant on June 15 and the annual Juneteenth Day Parade with 2015 grand marshals Andre' Lee Ellis and Redonna Rogers; and*

WHEREAS, *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 44th Annual Juneteenth Day Celebration in the City of Milwaukee and wishes the group continued success in fulfilling its mission; and, be it*

FURTHER RESOLVED, *That a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to representatives of Northcott Neighborhood House.*

Introduced by Common Council member Milele A. Coggs and approved by all members of the Milwaukee Common Council on June 2, 2015.