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Resolution recognizing Milwaukee Tech Week.

WHEREAS,

MILWAUKEE TECH WEEK

was recognized on October 1, 2025 at BMO Tower, 790 N. Water St., during its kickoff event themed "The Future is Built Here"; and

- WHEREAS, Technology is a powerful driver of economic growth and social progress, fostering innovation, expanding opportunity, and delivering transformative solutions to address the most urgent challenges facing marginalized and underrepresented communities; and
- WHEREAS, Founded in Milwaukee by Nadiyah Johnson, the Milky Way Tech Hub has emerged as a leading force in the Midwest's tech ecosystem, actively transforming Milwaukee into a hub that spurs economic inclusion and develops sustainable solutions to address the racial wealth and achievement gaps in the city; and
- WHEREAS, The Milky Way Tech Hub, in partnership with My Way Out, has graduated more than 185 justice-impacted individuals through its Pathways to Success technology program, creating new opportunities for economic mobility and workforce reentry; and
- WHEREAS, Through entrepreneurship programs, the Milky Way Tech Hub has helped launch startup businesses in the City of Milwaukee, supported app development, and provided over \$150,000 in funding through pitch competitions, empowering innovators to turn ideas into ventures that positively impact Milwaukee's economy; and
- WHEREAS, In education, the Milky Way Tech Hub, in partnership with corporate sponsors including Northwestern Mutual Associated Bank and Milwaukee Tool, employs a strong roster of educators who have provided hands-on science, technology, engineering, art, and mathematics education to thousands of students across the city of Milwaukee, sparking curiosity, creativity, and inspiring the next generation of innovators and leaders; and
- WHEREAS, Milwaukee Tech Week engages community organizations, corporate sponsors, and educators to support workforce development, entrepreneurship, and STEM/STEAM education for Milwaukee residents; now, therefore, be it
- **RESOLVED,** That the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee herewith recognizes October 1–10, 2025, as Milwaukee Tech Week in the City of Milwaukee, and commends the entrepreneurs, advocates, corporate sponsors, and community partners for their commitment to building a thriving tech ecosystem where the future is built here; and, be it
- **FURTHER RESOLVED,** That a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to Milky Way Tech Hub.

Introduced by Common Council members José G. Pérez, Robert Bauman, Scott Spiker, Russell W. Stamper, II, Mark Chambers, Jr., Milele A. Coggs, Andrea M. Pratt, Lamont Westmoreland, JoCasta Zamarripa, Sharlen P. Moore, and Larresa Taylor and approved by all members of the Milwaukee Common Council on October 14, 2025.