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Resolution expressing condolences for the family and friends of John Kuester.

WHEREAS,

JOHN KUESTER

passed from this life on July 7, 2025 at the age of 48 and a remembrance celebration was held on August 30, 2025 at The Wiggle Room, 2988 S. Kinnickinnic Ave.; and

WHEREAS, *John Kuester was born and reared in Milwaukee and was a beloved local music scene artist and legend, nurturing a successful music career and putting out records under the moniker of Kid Millions (including his first album in 2001 titled Words Get Around); and*

WHEREAS, *John also collaborated with artists like The Rusty P's and Minus After (with J Todd & Old Man Malcom), and in the early 2000s he owned Lotus Land records with his partner Andy Noble and in 2010 he started Dope Folks Records (a record label specializing in rare underground Hip-Hop records from the golden era) with Chris Schulist; and*

WHEREAS, *John was an encyclopedia of records, he was a vinyl DJ, and he had his own online business selling used records out of his house where he would literally open up his home to record buyers; and*

WHEREAS, *In 2024 John became part owner of the new Bay View bar The Wiggle Room with his longtime Dope Folks Records partner Chris Schulist, and Jim McCann, John Dykstra, and Holly Doar, and he was a staple on the local music scene and loved to be a part of the local music community; and*

WHEREAS, *John Kuester is survived by his cousin Mary Gorski, was preceded in death by mother Patricia Luckey, father James Kuester and brother Anthony Kuester, and leaves a host of other loving relatives and friends to cherish his memory; now, therefore, be it*

RESOLVED, *That the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee herewith offers its sincere condolences to the family members and friends of John Kuester, and mourns the passing of this talented and upstanding man; and, be it*

FURTHER RESOLVED, *That a suitably engrossed copy of the resolution be presented to the family of John Kuester.*

Introduced by Common Council members Andrea M. Pratt, Milele A. Coggs, Mark Chambers, Jr., José G. Pérez, DiAndre Jackson, Robert Bauman, Lamont Westmoreland, JoCasta Zamarripa, Sharlen P. Moore, Scott Spiker, Alex Brower and Russell W. Stamper, II and approved by all members of the Milwaukee Common Council on September 2, 2025.

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