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Resolution recognizing MacArthur Weddle on his contributions to the Juneteenth Day Celebration & the City of Milwaukee.

WHEREAS,

MACARTHUR WEDDLE

was honored on his retirement on June 23, 2019 at Tripoli Shrine Center, 3000 W. Wisconsin Ave., and recognized for his many years of contributions to the Juneteenth Day celebration and to the City of Milwaukee as one of the founding organizers; and

WHEREAS, *MacArthur Weddle at the age of 12 fell victim to an undercurrent in the waters of the Milwaukee River at Estabrook Park and was saved from death by a kid named Robert “Winkie” Ford and used this experience as motivation to live a life on a payback mission geared to save other kids who have the potential to be great: and*

WHEREAS, *MacArthur Weddle, a respected member of the community, has served the Juneteenth Day celebration for many years and retired after 42 years of service with the Northcott Neighborhood House, including leadership roles as the program director, associate executive director, and for 19 years as the executive director; and*

WHEREAS, *MacArthur Weddle is a product of the community he served, graduating from North Division High School and advancing to receive a bachelor’s degree from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee; and*

WHEREAS, *MacArthur Weddle served as a leader and catalyst for positive change in the community, and received numerous awards and honors, including the James Howard Baker Award, the Black Excellence Award for Community Leadership from the Milwaukee Times and the Alumni Award for Community Service from the UW-Milwaukee School of Education; and*

WHEREAS, *MacArthur has been president of and a tireless advocate for the Juneteenth Day Celebration, Black Expo, the Spirit of the Men Conference, community call to vote, on the board of the African World Festival, and is also a 33rd degree Mason with the Prince Hall Free Accepted Masons and a proud father of three sons and six grandchildren; now, therefore, be it*

RESOLVED, *That the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee herewith recognizes MacArthur Weddle on his leadership and involvement in the Juneteenth Day celebration and throughout the City of Milwaukee, and thanks him for his many valuable contributions to the community, and wishes him continued health and happiness in retirement; and, be it*

FURTHER RESOLVED, *That a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to MacArthur Weddle.*

Introduced by Common Council members Milele A. Coggs, Ashanti Hamilton, Russell W. Stamper, II, Mark A. Borkowski, José G. Pérez, Chantia Lewis, Khalif J. Rainey, Cavalier Johnson and Nikiya Dodd and approved by all members of the Milwaukee Common Council on July 9, 2019.