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Resolution recognizing Josie Carter as a 2024 Pride Month Honoree.

WHEREAS,

JOSIE CARTER

was nominated by Alderman Peter Burgelis for her lifetime of distinguished achievements to represent the LGBTQ+ community of Milwaukee as a 2024 Pride Month Honoree; and

WHEREAS, *Pride Month honorees are exemplary figures in the Milwaukee community who demonstrate outstanding contributions in civic, professional, and humanitarian pursuits; and*

WHEREAS, *Josie Carter has inspired generations of LGBTQ+ community members in Milwaukee and across the country through her hard work, dedication, and personality as a gender non-conforming woman of color who stood up for herself in the face of adversity; and*

WHEREAS, *Josie Carter was instrumental in mobilizing Milwaukee's LGBTQ+ community to resist homophobia, form activism groups, and demand liberation, equality and change; and*

WHEREAS, *Josie Carter was played a pivotal role in the Black Nite Brawl, which was the first publicized uprising against homophobic harassment in Wisconsin history, and occurred eight years prior to the historic Stonewall riots, and Josie chose to fight back against those who wished to harm her and her community helping to spark a local civil rights movement in Milwaukee; now, therefore, be it*

RESOLVED, *That the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee herewith recognizes Josie Carter as a 2024 Pride Month Honoree, and commends her for a lifetime of positive contributions to the community; and, be it*

FURTHER RESOLVED, *That a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to the family of Josie Carter.*

Introduced by Common Council members Peter Burgelis, JoCasta Zamarripa, Larresa Taylor, Andrea M. Pratt, Mark Champers, Jr., Jonathan Brostoff, Robert Bauman, Lamont Westmoreland, Milele A. Coggs, José G. Pérez, Scott Spiker, and Russell W. Stamper, II, and approved by all members of the Milwaukee Common Council on June 11, 2024