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Resolution congratulating the Black Health Coalition of Wisconsin, Inc. on the occasion of its 25th anniversary celebration of using community empowerment to achieve health equity.

WHEREAS,

BLACK HEALTH COALITION OF WISCONSIN, INC.

celebrated its 25th anniversary with a health advocacy symposium and a legislative forum and reception with the theme “And Still We Rise: Using Community Empowerment to Achieve Health Equity” on October 3, 2013 at its 3020 W. Vliet St. location; and

WHEREAS, *The Black Health Coalition of Wisconsin (BHCW) was founded and incorporated in October, 1988 with 12 organizations and has since grown to 26 organizations and 19 individual members establishing itself as a credible and necessary voice in the health decisions of the African American community; and*

WHEREAS, *For 25 years the BHCW has been committed to uplifting and sustaining the two primary guiding principles of empowerment and inclusion for African American people around issues that involve the health of communities and to ensure equitable and comprehensive health care for all people; and*

WHEREAS, *The BHCW has advocated for smoke free legislation, has worked to abate black infant mortality and end health disparities for people of color through its programs such as Milwaukee Health Beginnings Project, Wisconsin African American Eliminating Health Disparities Institute, African American HIV/AIDS Program, the Wisconsin African American Tobacco Prevention Network, and the Faith Based African American Health Network; and*

WHEREAS, *The BHCW has, under its motto “without good health, nothing else matters,” providing 25 years of technical assistance, training, education, advocacy and research for many organizations and community residents, and promoting cultural competency for the betterment of all; now, therefore, be it*

RESOLVED, *That the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee herewith congratulates the Black Health Coalition of Wisconsin on its 25th anniversary, extends its sincere appreciation on behalf of the community and wishes for it continued success and prosperity; and, be it*

FURTHER RESOLVED, *That a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to the Black Health Coalition of Wisconsin.*

Introduced by Common Council member Willie L. Hines, Jr., Milele A. Coggs, Joe Davis, Sr., Willie C. Wade, Ashanti Hamilton, Robert J. Bauman, Jim Bohl, Nik Kovac and Robert W. Puente and approved by all members of the Milwaukee Common Council on September 24, 2013.