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*Resolution congratulating St. Mark African Methodist Episcopal Church, the oldest African American church in Wisconsin, on its 150th church anniversary*

**WHEREAS,**

## **ST. MARK AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

*celebrated its 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary during its 150<sup>th</sup> Grand Ball at the downtown Hyatt Regency Hotel (the site of the original building) on April 12, 2019; and*

***WHEREAS,** St. Mark A.M.E. was founded in 1869 by eight eager men and women who envisioned a “Church of Allen,” based on the ideals of Richard Allen, a freed slave who became the first free African to be ordained in the Methodist church; and*

***WHEREAS,** Since its founding, St. Mark African Methodist Episcopal Church has grown strong in numbers and by continually proving its friendliness and its faith, serves as a shining example for the entire state of Wisconsin; and*

***WHEREAS,** St. Mark African Methodist Episcopal Church has always been one of Milwaukee’s leaders with respect to civic and community involvement and continues to serve the Milwaukee community through various ministries such as food banks, clothing banks, tutoring, male mentoring, karate, girl scouts, boy scouts and much more; and*

***WHEREAS,** St. Mark African Methodist Episcopal Church holds a special place in Wisconsin’s history as the oldest African-American chartered church; now, therefore, be it*

***RESOLVED,** That the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee herewith congratulates St. Mark African Methodist Episcopal Church on its 150th anniversary, extends its appreciation on behalf of the community, and wishes it continued success and a prosperous future; and be it*

***FURTHER RESOLVED,** That a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to St. Mark African Methodist Episcopal Church.*

*Introduced by Common Council members Milele A. Coggs, Ashanti Hamilton, Russell W. Stamper, II, Mark A. Borkowski, Terry L. Witkowski, José G. Pérez, Chantia Lewis, Khalif J. Rainey, Cavalier Johnson and Nikiya Dodd and approved by all members of the Milwaukee Common Council on April 16, 2019.*