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Resolution recognizing the 45th Annual Juneteenth Day Celebration events June 11 through June 19, 2016.

WHEREAS,

JUNETEENTH DAY

was celebrated June 19, 2016 with the annual street festival on N. Martin Luther King, Jr. Dr.; and

WHEREAS, *Milwaukee's participation in the annual Juneteenth Day Celebration, a national event commemorating the end of slavery in the United States, is in its 45th year and is Milwaukee's longest-running cultural festival; and*

WHEREAS, *Festivities opened with the Northcott Neighborhood House, Inc., Miller Coors Brewery Company, Beer Capitol Distributors, Milwaukee Brewers, WE Energies Foundation, Milwaukee County Transit System, United Health Care, BloodCenter of WI, Gruber Law Offices, Hupy Law Offices, Historic King Drive Business Improvement District, Helen Bader Foundation, Wisconsin Correctional Services, Jammin 98.3, Guaranty Bank, Safe and Sound and thousands of members of the community on June 19, 2016; and*

WHEREAS, *Juneteenth Day commemorates African American freedom and emphasizes education and achievement through a day, a week, or a month marked with celebrations, guest speakers, picnics and family gatherings; and*

WHEREAS, *Northcott Neighborhood House has served the community since 1961, and is a multi-purpose community center designed to maintain family stability, lessen neighborhood tensions, combat community deterioration and provide a variety of programs and services to the residents and has partnered with numerous Milwaukee agencies and organizations to sponsor Juneteenth Day events including the annual Juneteenth Day Parade with 2016 co-grand marshals Rev. Willie Brisco and Rev. Gregory Lewis; and*

WHEREAS, *Juneteenth Day is an essential event in Milwaukee and fulfills the mission of the Northcott Neighborhood House by providing programs for the neighborhood, the community and local youth; now, therefore, be it*

RESOLVED, *That the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee herewith recognizes Northcott Neighborhood House for its sponsorship of the 45th Annual Juneteenth Day Celebration in the City of Milwaukee and wishes the group continued success in fulfilling its mission; and, be it*

FURTHER RESOLVED, *That a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to representatives of Northcott Neighborhood House.*

Introduced by Common Council members Milele A. Coggs, Jim Bohl, José G. Pérez, Russell W. Stamper, II, Terry L. Witkowski, Mark A. Borkowski, Khalif J. Rainey, Chantia Lewis, Cavalier Johnson, Nik Kovac and Ashanti Hamilton and approved by all members of the Milwaukee Common Council on June 14, 2016.