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Resolution recognizing October as Polish American Heritage Month.

WHEREAS,

POLISH AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

annually celebrates and recognizes the culture and heritage of Polish Americans every October; and

***WHEREAS,** Polish American Heritage Month has been celebrated annually since 1981 when it was first organized by Mr. Michael Blichasz in Philadelphia, and thanks to the advocacy effort of Polish Americans August became Polish American Heritage Month, and two years later the month was changed to October in order to honor the first month that Polish immigrants landed at Jamestown, Virginia in 1608; and*

***WHEREAS,** Polish immigrants began arriving in the United States in large numbers after the Civil War, and much of Milwaukee's South Side was developed by Polish immigrants and includes places such as the Basilica of St. Josaphat and Kosciuszko Park; and*

***WHEREAS,** Milwaukee is home to many Polish American advocacy groups such as the Milwaukee Society of the Polish National Alliance, Polish American Congress, the Polish Women's Cultural Club of Milwaukee, Polish National Alliance Council 8 and many more; now, therefore be it*

***RESOLVED,** That the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee herewith recognizes Polish American Heritage Month as a cherished and valued community staple and looks forward to continued recognition and celebrations; and, be it*

***FURTHER RESOLVED,** That a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to the Polish Heritage Center of Wisconsin.*

Introduced by Common Council members José G. Pérez, Milele A. Coggs, Russell W. Stamper, II, Mark A. Borkowski, Scott Spiker, Khalif J. Rainey and Nikiya Dodd and approved by all members of the Milwaukee Common Council on October 11, 2022.