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*Resolution recognizing Gee's Clippers on the occasion of its 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary*

**WHEREAS,**

## **GEE'S CLIPPERS**

*celebrated its 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2025 culminating with a three day celebration event taking place June 19<sup>th</sup> through June 21<sup>st</sup>; and*

**WHEREAS,** *Gee's Clippers was founded in 1995 by Gaulien "Gee" Smith, growing from a single chair barbershop into one of the largest Black owned barbershops in the Midwest, and an anchor of community and culture in Milwaukee; and*

**WHEREAS,** *Gee's Clippers provides more than haircuts, offering voter registration, mentoring, and social services through Gee's MKE Wellness Clinic, as well as being the first barbershop in the nation to charter a Boy Scout troop; and*

**WHEREAS,** *Gee's Clippers relocated in 2017 to a renovated historic bank building on Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Drive in Milwaukee's Bronzeville neighborhood, transforming it into a home team, sports themed barbershop filled with actual memorabilia and artifacts from Milwaukee's arenas; and*

**WHEREAS,** *Gee's Clippers will host a three day celebration taking place June 19<sup>th</sup> through June 21<sup>st</sup> beginning with participation in Milwaukee's Juneteenth festival, followed by a community block party featuring food trucks, youth performances, and a friendly barbers versus Bucks "cut off" challenge, and culminating in a ticketed Grand Finale Celebration with Gee's Clippers owner, staff, and friends present; and*

**WHEREAS,** *Gee's Clippers has exemplified leadership, inclusion, and impact, serving people of all backgrounds while uplifting the Milwaukee community; now, therefore, be it*

**RESOLVED,** *That the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee herewith congratulates Gee's Clippers Management Services on its 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary and its three day celebration event and extends its sincere wishes for continued success; and, be it*

**FURTHER RESOLVED,** *That a suitably engrossed copy of the resolution be presented to representatives of Gee's Clippers for this exciting achievement.*

**Introduced by Common Council members Milele A. Coggs, Robert J. Bauman, Sharlen P. Moore, Mark Chambers, Jr., Andrea M. Pratt, Lamont Westmoreland, Larresa Taylor, José G. Pérez, JoCasta Zamarripa, Scott Spiker, and Russell W. Stamper, II, and approved by all members of the Milwaukee Common Council on June 24, 2025.**