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*Resolution congratulating Mexican Fiesta on celebrating its 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary.*

**WHEREAS,**

**MEXICAN FIESTA**

*celebrated its 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary in Milwaukee during three days of fun, food, Mariachi, and fiesta – August 23 – 25, 2013; and*

**WHEREAS,** *Mexican Fiesta was born in 1973 when a south side street was closed to traffic to celebrate Mexican Independence Day, and it was the first time that there was the excitement of a neighborhood street fair, a sense that it was time for this thriving community to show itself and others the beauty of a culture rich in diversity; and*

**WHEREAS,** *Today Mexican Fiesta is a family-oriented festival and the largest (paid entrance) Mexican festival in Wisconsin, a showcase of Mexican heritage and for the year-round work of the Wisconsin Hispanic Scholarship Foundation, Inc., the festival's sponsor, to unify the community in a gigantic effort to award scholarships for young Hispanic men and women, who are able to take their rightful place in society by continuing with their education; and*

**WHEREAS,** *With a dedicated force of volunteers, coordinators, an active Board of Directors, and staff, Mexican Fiesta has more than hit its stride as one of Milwaukee's most popular ethnic festivals; and*

**WHEREAS,** *Mexican Fiesta is a cultural foundation concentrating on providing education and cultural events for the growing Hispanic community, and throughout its history has honored culture, tradition and family; and*

**WHEREAS,** *Now 40 years strong, Mexican Fiesta encourages individuals from all ethnic backgrounds to share in the beauty of Mexico's rich history, art, music and food; now, therefore, be it*

**RESOLVED,** *That the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee herewith congratulates Mexican Fiesta on its 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary, thanks its dedicated staff, directors and volunteers on the occasion, and extends sincere wishes for continued success; and, be it*

**FURTHER RESOLVED,** *That a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to Mexican Fiesta.*

**Introduced by Common Council members José G. Pérez, Michael J. Murphy, Ashanti Hamilton, Joe Davis, Sr., Robert W. Puente, Robert J. Bauman, Jim Bohl, Willie C. Wade, Robert G. Donovan, Milele A. Coggs, Nik Kovac, Terry L. Witkowski, Tony Zielinski and Willie L. Hines, Jr. and approved by all members of the Milwaukee Common Council on September 4, 2013.**