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*Resolution recognizing the 52<sup>nd</sup> Annual Juneteenth Day Celebration on June 19, 2023.*

**WHEREAS,**

## **JUNETEENTH DAY**

*was celebrated in Milwaukee on June 19, 2023 on N. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Dr.; and*

**WHEREAS,** *Juneteenth Day is a nationwide event commemorating freedom proclaimed to all enslaved people of African descent in the South by Union General Gordon Granger on June 19, 1865 in Galveston, Texas, nearly two and a half years after the signing of the Emancipation Proclamation; and*

**WHEREAS,** *2023 marks the 52<sup>nd</sup> Juneteenth Day celebration in Milwaukee, making it one of the longest running such celebrations in the country, and this year's Juneteenth Day theme is "I Am Juneteenth" and festivities will include the annual Juneteenth parade, street festival, culture concert, Little Miss & Junior Mister Juneteenth pageants, Miss & Mister Juneteenth pageants and much more; and*

**WHEREAS,** *Northcott Neighborhood House serves as an integral contributor to the annual Juneteenth Day celebration, and has served the community since 1961 as 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; 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 52<sup>nd</sup> Annual Juneteenth Day Celebration in the City of Milwaukee and wishes the organization continued success in fulfilling its mission; and, be it*

**FURTHER RESOLVED,** *That a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to Tony Kearney, Executive Director of Northcott Neighborhood House & Juneteenth Planning Committee.*

**Introduced by Common Council members Milele A. Coggs, Russell W. Stamper, II, Mark Chambers Jr., Angela M. Pratt, Larresa Taylor, Lamont Westmoreland, Khalif J. Rainey, JoCasta Zamarripa, Mark A. Borkowski, Jonathan Brostoff, Scott Spiker, José G. Pérez and Robert J. Bauman and approved by all members of the Milwaukee Common Council on June 20, 2023.**