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Resolution recognizing October 11th as National Coming Out Day.

Whereas,

MILWAUKEE PRIDE, INC.

Recognized and honored National Coming Out Day during the Pridetoberfest celebration that occurred October 8 & 9, 2021; and

WHEREAS, Milwaukee Pride, Inc., the parent organization for PrideFest, was formally founded in 2015 and has a mission to support and uplift the LGBTQ+ community in Milwaukee; and

WHEREAS, PrideFest is one of Milwaukee's most popular festivals and is one of the largest, and longest-running, LGBTQ+ festivals in the country, but has been cancelled the previous two years due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, but has been replaced this year with a special Pridetoberfest celebration on October 8 & 9, 2021; and

WHEREAS, National Coming Out Day is recognized annually on October 11, with 2021 marking the 33rd year of this occasion, and falls on the anniversary of the National March on Washington for Lesbian and Gay Rights: and

WHEREAS, Milwaukee Pride, Inc. recognized this day during Pridetoberfest to celebrate individuals coming out as LGBTQ+, applauding the bravery of those who come out to help inspire and encourage others in the process, and provide a reminder that one of the most basic tools is the power of coming out; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee herewith congratulates Milwaukee Pride, Inc. and wishes the organization continued prosperity and success; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to Milwaukee Pride, Inc.

Introduced by Common Council members JoCasta Zamarripa, Cavalier Johnson, Ashanti Hamilton, Milele A. Coggs, Russell W. Stamper, II, Mark A. Borkowski, Scott Spiker, José G. Pérez, Chantia Lewis, Khalif J. Rainey, Alderwoman Marina Dimitrijevic, Nikiya Dodd and approved by all members of the Milwaukee Common Council on October 12, 2021.