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*Resolution recognizing the 2023 celebration of Garfield's 502 R&B Festival.*

**WHEREAS,**

## **GARFIELD'S 502 R&B FESTIVAL**

*was celebrated on July 15, 2023 on Garfield Avenue between N. 4th and N. 7th Streets; and*

**WHEREAS,** *The Garfield's 502 R&B Festival was founded as the Garfield Avenue Blues, Jazz, Gospel & Arts Festival in 1997 by local businessmen Everett "Bobbie" Moore, attorney Tom Jacobson and LaMarr Franklin as a way to show appreciation for their loyal customers, starting out as a half-day, two-block festival and is now a festival that covers six blocks, showcases more than 150 vendors, hosts more than 20 local bands and attracts more than 20,000 people every year; and*

**WHEREAS,** *The festival has dedicated sponsors such as the Wisconsin Black Chamber of Commerce, Brewers Community Foundation, Historic King Drive BID, Richard and Ethel Herzfeld Foundation, Jammin 98.3 FM, Gruber Law Offices, LLC, Bader Philanthropies, Inc. and Hupy and Abraham, S.C. that help keep the torch burning; and*

**WHEREAS,** *The Annual Garfield's 502 R&B Festival, in cooperation with Northcott Neighborhood House, Inc., is a fun, dynamic and essential event that has become known in Milwaukee as a destination to find great food and entertainment for the whole family; now, therefore, be it;*

**RESOLVED,** *That the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee herewith recognizes the 2023 Garfield's 502 R&B Festival celebration in the City of Milwaukee and wishes it continued success in the future; and, be it*

**FURTHER RESOLVED,** *That a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to representatives of the Garfield's 502 R&B Festival.*

**Introduced by Common Council members Milele A. Cogg, Mark Chambers, Jr., Andrea M. Pratt, Larresa Taylor, Russell W. Stamper, II, Khalif J. Rainey, Lamont Westmoreland, Mark A. Borkowski, Scott Spiker, Robert J. Bauman, Jonathan Brostoff, JoCasta Zamarripa, and José Pérez and approved by all members of the Milwaukee Common Council on July 31, 2023.**