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Resolution recognizing Brighter Days at City Hall on June 12, 2020.

WHEREAS,

PASTOR DION AUSTIN

is one of the artists from the Milwaukee Coalition Against Hate who helped see the creation of the song “Brighter Days” and was honored during a special event at City Hall on June 12, 2020; and

WHEREAS, *Milwaukee County is one of the most segregated counties in the United States; and*

WHEREAS, *The Milwaukee Coalition Against Hate is comprised of individual citizens, leaders, organizations, and businesses whose collective passion, commitment, energy and expertise are focused on stopping racism, prejudice, and inequalities; and*

WHEREAS, *The Milwaukee Coalition Against Hate works together to make the City of Milwaukee a safer place for everyone to live, and together, they gain strength for this vital work through faith, art and respect, and they believe inclusion and collective efforts will prevail over hate; and*

WHEREAS, *The Milwaukee Coalition Against Hate created a unity song called “Brighter Days” as an opportunity for our community to join voices and make an impact in Milwaukee to change the narrative and negative climate in the city and beyond; and*

WHEREAS, *The Milwaukee Coalition Against Hate is urging the recognition of June 12th and every year going forward as Brighter Days Day, and encourages Milwaukee schools, students, parents, recreation programs, religious institutions, and community organizations to engage in a variety of awareness and prevention activities designed to make our communities safer for all residents of Milwaukee; and*

WHEREAS, *The Milwaukee Coalition Against Hate and the song “Brighter Days” is a necessary initiative in light of the current economic crisis, COVID-19 pandemic, and the fight against injustices that have been foremost in the minds of Milwaukee residents; now, therefore, be it*

RESOLVED, *That the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee herewith recognizes Pastor Dion Austin as an important artist in creating “Brighter Days” and thanks them for their positive contributions to the community; and, be it*

FURTHER RESOLVED, *That a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to Pastor Dion Austin.*

Introduced by Common Council members Mark A. Borkowski, Khalif J. Rainey, José G. Pérez, Ashanti Hamilton, Milele A. Coggs, Russell W. Stamper, II, Chantia Lewis, Scott Spiker, Cavalier Johnson and Nikiya Dodd and approved by all members of the Milwaukee Common Council on June 16, 2020.