

BY ALDS. ZIELINSKI, MURPHY, KOVAC, BAUMAN, PEREZ, BOHL

Resolution congratulating Jose Fernando Gutierrez and Matthew Schreck on becoming one of the first same-sex couples to be married in Wisconsin.

WHEREAS,

JOSE FERNANDO GUTIERREZ AND MATTHEW SCHRECK

were married on June 6, 2014, at the Milwaukee County Courthouse to become one of the first same-sex couples wed in Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS, *In front of onlookers and the press, friend and Reverend Erik Koepnick married Jose Fernando Gutierrez and Matthew Schreck, who then served as witnesses for the marriage of Christopher Martell and Mark Williams; and*

WHEREAS, *Earlier that day, U.S. District Judge Barbara Crabb ruled the state's ban on same-sex marriages was unconstitutional, writing, "Quite simply, this case is about liberty and equality, the two cornerstones of the rights protected by the United States Constitution;" and*

WHEREAS, *Jose Fernando Gutierrez and Matthew Schreck had kept all the required documents in their car to be ready to wed at a moment's notice when Wisconsin's same-sex marriage ban was struck down, and after hearing the news, Matthew rushed to pick up Jose from work and they went straight to the courthouse; and*

WHEREAS, *Jose Fernando Gutierrez and Matthew Schreck described their marriage as an emotional, incredible and surreal whirlwind, which they celebrated at PrideFest Milwaukee; now, therefore, be it*

RESOLVED, *That the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee herewith congratulates Jose Fernando Gutierrez and Matthew Schreck on their marriage, recognizes the historic significance of their union and extends sincere wishes for their continued happiness; and, be it*

FURTHER RESOLVED, *That a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to Jose Fernando Gutierrez and Matthew Schreck in celebration of their marriage.*

Introduced by Common Council members Tony Zielinski, Michael J. Murphy, Nik Kovac, Robert J. Bauman, Jim Bohl and José G. Pérez and approved by all members of the Milwaukee Common Council on June 24, 2013.