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*Resolution recognizing the We Are Latvian Traveling Museum exhibit at City Hall.*

**WHEREAS,**

## **WE ARE LATVIAN TRAVELING MUSEUM EXHIBIT**

*was displayed proudly at Milwaukee City Hall from November 10 – 14, 2025, in advance of Latvian Independence Day celebrated on November 18; and*

***WHEREAS,** Latvia's cultural heritage, shaped by centuries of song, art, craftsmanship and language, stands as one of the world's most enduring expressions of national identity, surviving war, occupation, and forced exile, and the We Are Latvian Traveling Museum exhibit brings that history to life through artifacts, photographs, textiles, personal stories, and the preserved memory of a nation whose people never abandoned their language, traditions, or belief in freedom; and*

***WHEREAS,** the installation of We Are Latvian in Milwaukee's City Hall provides residents, visitors, and students the opportunity to learn about the perseverance and culture of the Latvian people, and to celebrate the rich heritage that our Latvian neighbors carry forward in Milwaukee; and*

***WHEREAS,** this exhibition has been made possible through the dedication of the American Latvian Association, Wisconsin Latvian Cultural Foundation, Daugavas Vanagi (Latvian Relief Organization), cultural partners, and community volunteers who are committed to preserving and sharing Latvian identity for future generations; and*

***WHEREAS,** the City of Milwaukee is honored to welcome Her Excellency Elita Kuzma, Ambassador of the Republic of Latvia to the United States, whose distinguished diplomatic service has strengthened the relationship between Latvia and the United States and amplified the voice of Latvian communities across America; now, therefore, be it*

***RESOLVED,** That the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee herewith recognizes the We Are Latvian Traveling Museum exhibit for bringing an exceptional cultural and educational experience to Milwaukee City Hall, and for strengthening understanding, friendship, and cultural pride in our city; and, be it*

***FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the Common Council expresses its appreciation to the organizers, volunteers, and supporters who made this exhibit possible, and recognizes the presence of Ambassador Kuzma and the Latvian Independence Day celebration as a proud milestone for Milwaukee's Latvian community and for international cultural partnership.*

**Introduced by Common Council members Peter Burgelis, Milele A. Coggs, José G. Pérez, Scott Spiker, Alex Brower, Larresa Taylor, Robert J. Bauman, DiAndre Jackson, Lamont Westmoreland, Mark Chambers, Jr., Andrea M. Pratt, JoCasta Zamarripa, Sharlen Moore, and Russell W. Stamper, II, and approved by all members of the Milwaukee Common Council on November 25, 2025.**