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Resolution recognizing the public dedication of a Wisconsin State Historical Marker at Lynden Hill.

WHEREAS,

LYNDEN HILL STATE HISTORICAL MARKER

was dedicated during a special public ceremony on June 13, 2026, at the southwest corner of North 22nd Street and West McKinley Avenue, commemorating this important site and the history it represents; and

WHEREAS, *Originally home to Misericordia Hospital, the facility later became the home of Misericordia Community Hospital, Wisconsin's first and only Black hospital, founded by Dr. Louis T. Maxey Sr., Dr. John Terry, and Dr. John Bryant, it was a facility that represented hope, opportunity, and self-determination during a time when African Americans faced widespread discrimination in healthcare and employment, and the hospital provided quality medical care, professional training, and economic opportunity while serving as a symbol of empowerment for Milwaukee's Black community; and*

WHEREAS, *Although Misericordia Community Hospital operated for only eight years, its impact extended far beyond healthcare, as the institution demonstrated the leadership, ingenuity, and perseverance of Milwaukee's Black physicians and community leaders, leaving a legacy that continues to inspire generations of residents, and today, the Wisconsin State Historical Marker honors not only the hospital itself, but also the pioneering efforts of Dr. Louis T. Maxey Sr., Dr. John Terry, and Dr. John Bryant, along with the many patients, nurses, staff, and community members whose contributions helped shape this important chapter of Milwaukee's history; and*

WHEREAS, *The legacy of the site continued long after the hospital closed, as neighborhood residents adopted and cared for the property, preserving it as a community asset, and in the early 1990s, community advocates successfully opposed plans that would have eliminated the green space, demonstrating a commitment to environmental justice and neighborhood self-determination, and in 1993, the site was officially named Lynden Hill, and in 1999, the National Park Service selected it as the location of its Urban Treehouse Program, providing outdoor education opportunities for young people in Milwaukee; and*

WHEREAS, *Lynden Hill, located within Milwaukee's 15th Aldermanic District, tells a story of resilience, leadership, and community action - from the vision of Dr. Louis T. Maxey Sr., Dr. John Terry, and Dr. John Bryant, who founded Wisconsin's first Black hospital - to the residents who fought to preserve Lynden Hill for future generations, the site reflects the enduring spirit of Milwaukee's Midtown neighborhood; now, therefore, be it*

RESOLVED, *That the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee herewith recognizes the public dedication of a Wisconsin State Historical Marker at Lynden Hill on June 13, 2026, marking the significant importance to the African American community in Milwaukee and to the people of Wisconsin; and, be it*

FURTHER RESOLVED, *That a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to the Midtown Neighborhood Alliance.*

Introduced by Common Council members Russell W. Stamper, II, Robert J. Bauman, Sharlen P. Moore, José G. Pérez, Mark Chambers, Jr., Larresa Taylor, Alex Brower, Scott Spiker, Peter Burgelis, DiAndre Jackson, Lamont Westmoreland, Andrea M. Pratt, Milele A. Coggs, and JoCasta Zamarripa and approved by all members of the Milwaukee Common Council on June 23, 2026.