

BY ALD. COGGS

Resolution recognizing and thanking the G.R.I.N.D. Run/Walk for its contributions to the City of Milwaukee.

WHEREAS,

THE G.R.I.N.D. RUN/WALK

was held on June 30, 2013 at Estabrook Park, 4400 N. Estabrook Parkway, in order to raise awareness of health issues affecting the African American community and funds for African World Enterprise's Health Initiative and Black Health Coalition of Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS, *Founded in 2012 by Milwaukee barbershop owner Gaulien "Gee" Smith, the G.R.I.N.D. (Gee's Run In a New Direction) attracted more than 200 participants in its inaugural year; and*

WHEREAS, *Following the untimely but preventable deaths of his mother, father, four uncles, one aunt and three grandparents due to poor health choices, the G.R.I.N.D. Run/Walk was Smith's attempt to improve the world for the better by raising awareness of critical health issues in the African American community, which is disproportionately affected by issues with health choices, diet, lack of exercise and diabetes; and*

WHEREAS, *At a distance of five kilometers, the G.R.I.N.D. Run/Walk not only encourages community members to get active, but also offers participants educational opportunities with licensed nutritionists and health trainers; now, therefore, be it*

RESOLVED, *That the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee herewith commends the G.R.I.N.D. Run/Walk for its contributions to the community and thanks the organizers for their dedication to healthy living and choices; and, be it*

FURTHER RESOLVED, *That a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to the organizers of the G.R.I.N.D. Run/Walk.*

Introduced by Common Council member Milele A. Coggs and approved by all members of the Milwaukee Common Council on July 2, 2013.