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Resolution recognizing the 43rd Annual Milwaukee Juneteenth Day Celebration events June 19, 2014.

WHEREAS,

JUNETEENTH DAY

was celebrated June 19, 2014 with a street festival, a parade, live entertainment and the Miss Juneteenth Day Pageant on Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive in Milwaukee; and

WHEREAS, *The annual Juneteenth Day Celebration is a national event commemorating African American freedom proclaimed to all slaves in the South by Union General Gordon Granger on June 19, 1865 in Galveston, Texas, nearly two and a half years after the signing of the Emancipation Proclamation by President Abraham Lincoln; and*

WHEREAS, *Juneteenth Day commemorates and emphasizes education, achievement and community through a day, a week and a month marked with celebrations, guest speakers, cookouts and family gatherings; and*

WHEREAS, *Now in its 43rd year of celebration in Milwaukee, Juneteenth Day festivities are organized by Northcott Neighborhood House and co-sponsored by MillerCoors, Milwaukee County Transit, We Energies, the Helen Bader Foundation, Gruber Law Office, Jammin' 98.3 and Johnson Controls; and*

WHEREAS, *An essential event in Milwaukee, the Juneteenth Day Parade will be grand marshalled by Milwaukee County Transit and Amalgamated Transit Union Local 998; now, therefore, be it*

RESOLVED, *That the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee herewith recognizes the 43rd Annual Juneteenth Day Celebration in the City of Milwaukee and joins in this country's dialogue of the realization of what Juneteenth historically means to all Americans; and, be it*

FURTHER RESOLVED, *That a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to representatives of Northcott Neighborhood House, a primary sponsor of the 2014 Juneteenth Day events.*

Introduced by Common Council members Milele A. Coggs, Joe Davis, Sr., Willie C. Wade, Ashanti Hamilton, Russell W. Stamper, II, Michael J. Murphy, Nik Kovac, Robert W. Puente, Jim Bohl, Terry L. Witkowski and Robert J. Bauman and approved by all members of the Milwaukee Common Council on June 24, 2014.