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Resolution recognizing the Organization of Chinese Americans, Wisconsin Chapter's historical marker.

WHEREAS,

THE ORGANIZATION OF CHINESE AMERICANS, WISCONSIN CHAPTER

celebrated the Chinese Cemetery Garden historical marker dedication on Thursday, April 2, 2026, during a ceremony in the Chapel in the Forest Home Cemetery; and

WHEREAS, *The Organization of Chinese Americans, Wisconsin Chapter has worked to advance the social, political, and holistic well-being of Asian Americans across the city and region since 1980, and as one of 35 chapters of OCA National, shares the goal of educating people on the history of Chinese generations in the United States; and*

WHEREAS, *The Organization of Chinese Americans, Wisconsin Chapter received funding for two historical markers through a joint initiative by the Wisconsin Historical Society and the William G. Pomeroy Foundation in 2024 to commemorate Wisconsin's Chinese American history; and*

WHEREAS, *Chinese Cemetery Garden is the second historical marker unveiled in Milwaukee to share the legacy of the city's Chinese immigrant men who lived and worked in Chinese laundries and restaurants without their families, restricted from immigrating due to the 1882 Chinese Exclusion Act; and*

WHEREAS, *The Organization of Chinese Americans, Wisconsin Chapter preserves the Chinese Relief Association's initial purchase in Forest Home Cemetery's Section 48 for the burial of Chinese Americans in 1947 to honor the stories of those who built a life in Milwaukee under extraordinarily difficult circumstances; now, therefore, be it*

RESOLVED, *That the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee herewith recognizes the Organization of Chinese Americans, Wisconsin Chapter for its longstanding commitment to the cultural needs of the community; and, be it*

FURTHER RESOLVED, *That a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to the Organization of Chinese Americans, Wisconsin Chapter.*

Introduced by Common Council members JoCasta Zamarripa, José G. Pérez, Robert Bauman, Milele A. Coggs, DiAndre Jackson, Sharlen P. Moore, Andrea M. Pratt, Mark Chambers, Jr., Lamont Westmoreland, Scott Spiker, Larresa Taylor, Alex Brower and Russell W. Stamper, II and approved by all members of the Milwaukee Common Council on April 21, 2026.