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*Resolution recognizing Soldiers Home on its 150th anniversary.*

**WHEREAS,**

## **SOLDIERS HOME**

*was founded in 1867 and marked its 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary on June 3, 2017, celebrating the occasion with historical encampments, Civil War and modern military displays and music and historic presentations at the Milwaukee VA Medical Center, 5000 W. National Ave.; and*

***WHEREAS,** Founded in 1867 by a group of 60 Civil War veterans with the help of donations from The West Side Soldiers Aid Society, Soldiers Home was among the first three national homes for veterans in the United States; and*

***WHEREAS,** New buildings sprung up throughout the late 19<sup>th</sup> century, including a hospital, library, chapel, theatre, firehouse and more; and*

***WHEREAS,** Three additional hospital buildings were constructed in the 20<sup>th</sup> century, the most recent being the current 10-story hospital which opened in 1966 and has been modernized in recent years; and*

***WHEREAS,** What began as the Milwaukee Soldiers Home now serves 64,000 veterans annually and has continuously prioritized both the physical and mental wellbeing of veterans; and*

***WHEREAS,** The commemorative sesquicentennial event included living history encampments from many different time periods, military medical displays, music, and tours of the grounds and facilities; now, therefore, be it*

***RESOLVED,** That the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee herewith congratulates the Milwaukee Soldiers Home on its 150th anniversary and recognizes the institution for its contributions to our veterans and the City of Milwaukee; and, be it*

***FURTHER RESOLVED,** That a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to the Milwaukee Soldiers Home.*

***Introduced by Common Council members Michael J. Murphy, Jim Bohl, Ashanti Hamilton, Milele A. Coggs, Russell W. Stamper, II, Mark A. Borkowski, Terry L. Witkowski, José G. Pérez, Chantia Lewis, Khalif J. Rainey, and Cavalier Johnson and approved by all members of the Milwaukee Common Council on June 20, 2017.***