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*Resolution recognizing the re-opening of America's Black Holocaust Museum.*

**WHEREAS,**

## **AMERICA'S BLACK HOLOCAUST MUSEUM**

*celebrated its grand re-opening on February 25, 2022 with a special ceremony held at 401 W. North Ave.; and*

**WHEREAS,** *America's Black Holocaust Museum was founded in 1988 by Dr. James Cameron who as a teenager survived a lynching in 1930 (the only known survivor of a lynching in U.S. history), and he proceeded to dedicate his entire life to educating the public about the injustices suffered by people of African descent in America; and*

**WHEREAS,** *In 1992 Dr. Cameron acquired a spacious free-standing building at N. 4th St. (today N. Vel R. Phillips Ave.) and W. North Ave., which he renovated and opened on Juneteenth Day 1994 with expanded exhibits, and the museum attracted many local, national, and international visitors, and with many taking guided tours led by "griots" (docents) who interpreted the exhibits and promoted dialogue with and among visitors; and*

**WHEREAS,** *On Dr. Cameron's birthday, February 25, 2012, ABHM came back to life as a unique, cutting-edge, interactive, virtual museum, making the ABHM available to people around the world who would otherwise have no access to its unique educational resources, and each year its 3,200-plus page online museum serves millions of visitors – students and adults alike – in more than 200 countries; and*

**WHEREAS,** *America's Black Holocaust Museum is a museum dedicated to both history and ongoing commemoration; History museums study, exhibit, and interpret objects of historical value, and memorial museums are dedicated to contextualizing and commemorating past events of mass suffering; now, therefore, be it*

**RESOLVED,** *That the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee herewith congratulates America's Black Holocaust Museum on its grand re-opening on the birthday anniversary of founder Dr. James Cameron, and wishes for it continued success and prosperity in the future; and, be it*

**FURTHER RESOLVED,** *That a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to America's Black Holocaust Museum.*

**Introduced by Common Council members Milele A. Coggs, Ashanti Hamilton, Cavalier Johnson, Mark A. Borkowski, Scott Spiker, José G. Pérez, Chantia Lewis, Khalif J. Rainey, Russell W. Stamper, II, and Nikiya Dodd and approved by all members of the Milwaukee Common Council on March 1, 2022.**