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Resolution recognizing MacArthur Weddle on his contributions to the Juneteenth Day Celebration.

WHEREAS,

MacARTHUR WEDDLE

was recognized on June 19, 2018 for his many years of contributions to the Juneteenth Day celebration as one of the founding organizers; and

WHEREAS, *MacArthur Weddle is a founding organizer of the Juneteenth Day celebration, the oldest known celebration commemorating the ending of slavery in the United States: and*

WHEREAS, *MacArthur Weddle, a solid pillar in the community, has served the Juneteenth Day celebration for many years, Northcott Neighborhood House for the past 39 years, including leadership roles as the program director, associate executive director, and for the past 18 years as the executive director; and*

WHEREAS, *MacArthur Weddle is a product of the community he now serves, graduating from North Division High School and advancing to receive a bachelor's degree from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee; and*

WHEREAS, *Known simply as "Mac" to many, MacArthur Weddle has been a leader and catalyst for positive change in the community, and has received numerous awards and honors, including the James Howard Baker Award, the Black Excellence Award for Community Leadership from the Milwaukee Times and the Alumni Award for Community Service from the UW-Milwaukee School of Education; and*

WHEREAS, *MacArthur has been president of and a tireless advocate for the Juneteenth Day Celebration, Black Expo, the Spirit of the Men Conference, community call to vote, on the board of the African World Festival, and is also a 33rd degree Mason with the Prince Hall Free Accepted Masons and a proud father of three sons and six grandchildren; now, therefore, be it*

RESOLVED, *That the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee herewith recognizes MacArthur Weddle on his leadership and involvement in the Juneteenth Day celebration, thanks him for his many valuable contributions to the community, and wishes him continued health and happiness; and, be it*

FURTHER RESOLVED, *That a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to MacArthur Weddle.*

Introduced by Common Council members Milele A. Coggs, Ashanti Hamilton, Russel 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, 2018.