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Resolution recognizing the Wisconsin Black Historical Society/Museum for its 30th anniversary.

WHEREAS,

WISCONSIN BLACK HISTORICAL SOCIETY/MUSEUM

is recognized as the only institution in Wisconsin in the business of preserving African American History in the state and is celebrating its 30th anniversary at an Open House on Saturday, September 22, 2018;

WHEREAS, *the Wisconsin Black Historical Society/Museum was founded in 1987 at 2620 W. Center St., a building constructed in 1898 as the Engine No. 2 Fire Station, later converted into the Center Street Library in 1928 which was later relocated in 1987; and*

WHEREAS, *the Wisconsin Black Historical Society/Museum was founded by Clayborn Benson III who had produced a three-part documentary called Black Communities that inspired him to establish the Wisconsin Black Historical Society/Museum after discovering records and documents concerning the history and roots of African American people in Wisconsin were widely scattered and poorly preserved; and*

WHEREAS, *the Wisconsin Black Historical Society/Museum is based on the premise that a people who know their history will grow to love and appreciate themselves more, and is striving to create a bright future out of a heart-breaking past, and its mission is to document and preserve the historical heritage of African descent in Wisconsin; and*

WHEREAS, *the Wisconsin Black Historical Society/Museum has developed programming and activities to directly educate the surrounding community including tutoring for children in K-12th grades, seasonal classes, educational movies series, financial workshops on investing and credit rebuilding; and*

WHEREAS, *Wisconsin Black Historical Society/Museum continues to serve as a resource center for all people interested in Wisconsin's rich African American heritage, the Museum's purpose is to encourage and promote family community and cultural activities; now, therefore, be it*

RESOLVED, *that the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee herewith recognizes the Wisconsin Black Historical Society/Museum for serving as a resource center for all people interested in Wisconsin's rich African American heritage and for its purpose to encourage and promote family community and cultural activities; and, be it*

FURTHER RESOLVED, *That a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to the Wisconsin Black Historical Society/Museum.*

Introduced by Common Council members Milele A. Coggs, Ashanti Hamilton, 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 September 25, 2018.