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Resolution recognizing June 20, 2013 as World Refugee Day in the City of Milwaukee.

WHEREAS,

WORLD REFUGEE DAY

as marked on June 20, 2013 in honor of those individuals and families who have fled danger in their home countries and resettled abroad; and

WHEREAS, *The United States leads the world in offering refugees the opportunity to build safe and secure lives; and*

WHEREAS, *The Milwaukee Area Refugee Consortium was created in 1998 and operates as a collaborative project of refugee resettlement agencies including Jewish Family Services, Inc., Catholic Charities, Pan African Community Association, and the International Institute of Wisconsin, in partnership with local service providers; and*

WHEREAS, *In 2012 the Milwaukee Area Refugee Consortium resettled 744 individuals to the City of Milwaukee from Bhutan, Burma, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Cuba, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Iraq, Jordan, Palestine, Russia, Somalia, and Vietnam; and*

WHEREAS, *The Milwaukee Area Refugee Consortium empowers refugees to meet their own short and long-term needs and become economically and socially independent Milwaukee residents by offering culturally and linguistically appropriate orientation programs and links to community resources; and*

WHEREAS, *In deference to a rich history of social activism, community engagement, and global cooperation, the Milwaukee Common Council is dedicated to supporting a diverse workforce, promoting cross-cultural education, and engaging all residents in civic life; now, therefore, be it*

RESOLVED, *That the Milwaukee Common Council herewith recognizes June 20, 2013 as World Refugee Day as designated by the United Nations General Assembly; and, be it*

FURTHER RESOLVED, *That a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to the Milwaukee Area Refugee Consortium.*

Introduced by Common Council member Joe Davis Sr. and approved by all members of the Milwaukee Common Council on July 2, 2013.