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Resolution congratulating St. Matthew Christian Episcopal Church on its 100th anniversary.

WHEREAS,

ST. MATTHEW C.M.E. CHURCH

will celebrate 100 years of faith, history, and service during a special event on September 30, 2018; and

WHEREAS, *St. Matthew C.M.E. Church was founded September 15, 1918, as a Christian Episcopal parish in Milwaukee, and in September 1920 moved to 538 W. Walnut St. for 38 years before relocating to its current location at 2944 N. 9th St.; and*

WHEREAS, *St. Matthew C.M.E. Church proudly serves as a local congregation of the Christian Methodist Episcopal Church, which was founded December 16, 1870 in Jackson, Tennessee by 41 ex-slaves, and the Christian Methodist Episcopal Church has grown to 1.2 million members across the United States, Haiti, Jamaica and 14 African nations; and*

WHEREAS, *St. Matthew C.M.E. Church began in 1918 as a result of a vision of Reverend W.S. Ferguson, and the church's current pastor is Reverend Dr. Richard D. Shaw who has served at St. Matthew C.M.E since 2010, and throughout its history, St. Matthew has worked to live up to its calling as a home where the saints of God can put their gifts and talents to work; and*

WHEREAS, *St. Matthew C.M.E. Church's mission statement is as follows: "Our mission is to Share the Good News of Jesus Christ with ALL who will hear, to Fellowship with ALL who will come, Teach ALL who desire to grow, Minister to ALL who call on us and to create a Worship atmosphere that is fulfilling and welcoming to ALL!"; and*

WHEREAS, *St. Matthew C.M.E. Church's vision statement is as follows: "The love and power of God through Christ will be manifested in our lives. We will share hope, build community, grow as faithful disciples, serve the needs of our community and world and magnify the Lord together with our gifts and talents; in worship."; now, therefore, be it*

RESOLVED, *That the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee herewith congratulates St. Matthew C.M.E. Church on its 100th anniversary, and recognize its historical and positive impact on the community and offer sincere wishes for its continued success; and, be it*

FURTHER RESOLVED, *That a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to St. Matthew C.M.E. Church.*

Introduced by Common Council members Ashanti Hamilton, Milele A. Coggs, Russell W. Stamper, 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 July 31, 2018.