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Resolution recognizing Washington Park on its 125th anniversary.

WHEREAS,

WASHINGTON PARK

celebrated its 125th anniversary on August 24, 2016 with a festive event featuring family-friendly activities and live local music; and

WHEREAS, *Built in 1891 and originally known as “West Park” (because of its key then-far west side location), Washington Park was designed by renowned landscape architect Frederick Law Olmstead, famous for designing New York's Central Park, and who also designed Riverside Park and Lake Park in Milwaukee; and*

WHEREAS, *Washington Park was the location of Milwaukee's first zoo from 1892 to 1958, and 1938 saw the construction of the Emil Blatz Temple of Music, now known simply as the Washington Park Band Shell; and*

WHEREAS, *Washington Park is a valuable and historic vast public oasis for relaxation, sports, entertainment, recreation, and family picnic events, and it is also home to ball fields, a playground, trails, a senior center, a swimming pool, and a large lagoon and boat house; and*

WHEREAS, *The 125th anniversary celebration for Washington Park – orchestrated by the Urban Ecology Center, the Washington Park Partners and Community Pie – featured a free family picnic, make-and-take art projects from Artists Working in Education, and live music at the Shell from Running Rebels and the Davis Family Band; now, therefore, be it*

RESOLVED, *That the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee herewith recognizes and celebrates Washington Park on its 125th anniversary, and wishes for its continued enjoyment and preservation for generations to come; and, be it*

FURTHER RESOLVED, *That a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to the Urban Ecology Center.*

Introduced by Common Council members Michael J. Murphy, Russell W. Stamper, II, Terry L. Witkowski, Jim Bohl, Milele A. Cogg, José G. Pérez and Mark A. Borkowski and approved by all members of the Milwaukee Common Council on September 1, 2016.