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Resolution recognizing the inaugural Bells of Milwaukee event on New Year's Eve 2016, and the unveiling of the announcement during Doors Open Milwaukee.

WHEREAS,

BELLS OF MILWAUKEE

was publicly announced at City Hall during Doors Open Milwaukee on the weekend of September 17 and 18 2016; and

WHEREAS, *An old custom was established in Milwaukee that all of the bells in the city ring in unison at Midnight on New Year's Eve as a message of peace, and this year will revive this tradition; and*

WHEREAS, *Russ Klisch, President of Lakefront Brewery, and Michael Horne, a Milwaukee-based journalist, established Bells of Milwaukee, Inc., a public charity registered with the State of Wisconsin, in order to bring back this tradition and also initiate a community-based research project of compiling a list of all bells in the City of Milwaukee; and*

WHEREAS, *Bells of Milwaukee was publicly announced during Doors Open Milwaukee, 2016 at City Hall, which will participate in Bells of Milwaukee this year with the ringing of the Soloman Juneau Bell, the ninth largest in North America and second largest in the United States, which serves as a symbol of the organization's cause and which first rang on New Year's Eve in 1895; now, therefore, be it*

RESOLVED, *That the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee herewith recognizes the inaugural Bells of Milwaukee event on New Year's Eve 2016, thanks organizers for creating a positive community event and for their efforts to send a message of peace throughout the city; and, be it*

FURTHER RESOLVED, *That a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to Bells of Milwaukee, Inc.*

Introduced by Common Council members Robert Bauman, Nik Kovac, Milele A. Coggs, Jim Bohl, Mark A. Borkowski, Milele A. Coggs, José G. Pérez, and approved by all members of the Milwaukee Common Council on September 20, 2016.