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Resolution recognizing the 20th Annual Garfield Avenue Blues, Jazz, Gospel & Arts Festival.

WHEREAS,

THE 20th ANNUAL GARFIELD AVENUE BLUES, JAZZ, GOSPEL & ARTS FESTIVAL

was celebrated July 15, 2017 on Garfield Avenue between N. 4th and N. 7th Streets; and

WHEREAS, The Garfield Avenue Blues, Jazz, Gospel & Arts Festival was founded in 1997 by local businessmen Everett "Bobbie" Moore, attorney Tom Jacobson and LaMarr Franklin as a way to show appreciation for their loyal customers, starting out as a half-day, two-block festival and is now a two-day festival that covers six blocks, showcases more than 100 vendors, hosts more than 16 local bands and attracts more than 20,000 people every year; and

WHEREAS, The festival has dedicated sponsors such as the Brewers Community Foundation, Richard and Ethel Herzfield Foundation, Jammin 98.3 FM, Gruber Law Offices, LLC, Bader Philanthropies, Inc. and Hupy and Abraham, S.C. that help keep the torch burning; and

WHEREAS, The 20th Annual Garfield Avenue Blues, Jazz, Gospel & Arts Festival, in cooperation with Northcott Neighborhood House, Inc., is an essential event that has become known in Milwaukee as a destination to find great food, fun and entertainment for the whole family; now, therefore, be it;

RESOLVED, That the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee herewith recognizes the 20th Annual Garfield Avenue Blues, Jazz, Gospel & Arts Festival celebration in the City of Milwaukee and wishes it continued success in the future; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to representatives of the 20th Annual Garfield Avenue Blues, Jazz, Gospel & Arts Festival.

Introduced by Common Council members Milele A. Coggs, Ashanti Hamilton, Jim Bohl, 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 July 31, 2017.