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Resolution congratulating Mexican Fiesta on celebrating its 45th anniversary.

WHEREAS,

MEXICAN FIESTA

celebrated its 45th anniversary in Milwaukee as a vigorous declaration of community spirit with three days of fun, food, Mariachi and fiesta at Henry Maier Festival Park on the Milwaukee lakefront – August 24 – 26, 2018; and

WHEREAS, *Mexican Fiesta was born in 1973 when a south side street was closed to traffic to celebrate Mexican Independence Day, marking the first time that there was the excitement of a neighborhood street fair, and signifying it was time for this thriving community to reveal itself and share with others the beauty of a culture rich in diversity and family tradition; and*

WHEREAS, *Today, Mexican Fiesta is the largest (paid entrance) Mexican festival in Wisconsin, a showcase of Mexican heritage and culture and a passionate display of the year-round work of the Wisconsin Hispanic Scholarship Foundation, Inc., the festival's sponsor, to unify the community and award scholarships to young Hispanic men and women in Wisconsin; and*

WHEREAS, *With a dedicated force of volunteers, coordinators and an active Board of Directors and staff, Mexican Fiesta has reached new levels of achievement and success as one of Milwaukee's most popular ethnic festivals and has served as a cultural foundation focused on providing education and cultural events for the growing Hispanic community, honoring culture, tradition and family; and*

WHEREAS, *Now 45 years strong, Mexican Fiesta encourages individuals from all ethnic backgrounds to share in the beauty of Mexico's rich history, culture, music, food and art; now, therefore, be it*

RESOLVED, *That the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee herewith congratulates Mexican Fiesta on its 45th anniversary, thanks its dedicated staff, directors and volunteers for their efforts, and extends sincere wishes for its continued success; and, be it*

FURTHER RESOLVED, *That a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to Mexican Fiesta.*

Introduced by Common Council members José G. Pérez, Ashanti Hamilton, Milele A. Coggs, Russell W. Stamper, II, Mark A. Borkowski, Terry L. Witkowski, Chantia Lewis, Khalif J. Rainey and Cavalier Johnson and approved by all members of the Milwaukee Common Council on September 5, 2018.