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Resolution recognizing Student Minister William Muhammad for his contributions to the Milwaukee community during a special ceremony held on January 27, 2019.

WHEREAS,

STUDENT MINISTER WILLIAM MUHAMMAD

was recognized for his contributions to the Milwaukee community during a special ceremony held on January 27, 2019; and

WHEREAS, Student Minister William Muhammad has worked for the uplift and liberation of Black and oppressed people, upon registering in the Nation of Islam's Headquarters Mosque, Mosque Maryam, in 1990, rising to the rank of Captain of the Fruit of Islam, and later coming to Milwaukee in 1993 as the Wisconsin Representative of the Honorable Minister Louis Farrakhan, at Muhammad Mosque #3, where he has served for more than 26 years; and

WHEREAS, Student Minister William Muhammad has led delegations of Black Milwaukeeans to Accra, Ghana in 1994 for the Nation of Islam's first "Saviours' Day" celebration on the African continent, and an estimated 5,000 black men from Milwaukee for the "Million Man March" Holy Day of Atonement, October 16, 1995; and

WHEREAS, Student Minister William Muhammad has led prison ministry efforts throughout Wisconsin and Minnesota, mediated community disputes and promoted conflict resolution with the "10,000 Fearless Stop The Beef Hotline" to stop the senseless killing in Milwaukee, and has been a tireless advocate for numerous social justice issues that affect all of the residents of our great city, county, and state; and

WHEREAS, Student Minister William Muhammad has worked to organize the faith and activist community to stop the abuse of women and girls, human trafficking, gun violence, and the repair of Black family life in Milwaukee; and

WHEREAS, Student Minister William Muhammad has dedicated his work for the unity of Black, Latino, and Native American communities and all people of good will by working across religious and ideological lines to promote unity on the basis of truth; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee herewith recognizes Student Minister William Muhammad for his contributions and tireless work on behalf of the greater Milwaukee community and wishes him continued health, success and happiness; and, be it

FUTHER RESOLVED, That a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to Student Minister William Muhammad in recognition of his dedicated service.

Introduced by Common Council members Khalif J. Rainey, Ashanti Hamilton, Milele A. Coggs, Nikiya Dodd, Russell Stamper, II, Mark A. Borkowski, Terry L. Witkowski, Jose G. Perez, Chantia Lewis, and Cavalier Johnson and approved by all members of the Milwaukee Common Council on February 5, 2019.