BY ALDS. COGGS, HAMILTON, STAMPER, BORKOWSKI, DODD, PÉREZ, LEWIS, RAINEY, JOHNSON, SPIKER

Resolution congratulating Dr. Ramel Smith on delivering the Keynote for the 2020 King Fest.

WHEREAS.

## DR. RAMEL SMITH

was honored as the Keynote Speaker for the 19<sup>th</sup> Annual King Fest celebration held January 20, 2020 at the Wisconsin Black Historical Society, 2620 W. Center St.; and

WHEREAS, The 19th Annual King Fest celebration included a scholarships presentation, as well as local and national speakers, with the esteemed Dr. Ramel Smith delivering the prime keynote address on a day honoring Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Ramel Smith was born and raised in Milwaukee and is a proud product of Milwaukee Public Schools, and went on to earn a Bachelor of Science degree from UW-Whitewater, and both Masters of Science and Doctorate degrees from UW-Milwaukee; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Smith is a licensed psychologist who has worked for the Wisconsin Department of Corrections, Milwaukee Public Schools, Children's Hospital of Wisconsin, Milwaukee Bucks, LLC, and the National Football League: and

WHEREAS, Dr. Ramel Smith currently serves as the President of BLAQUESMITH Psychological Consultative Services and hosts Unspeakable Truth, where he strives to speak truth in a manner which informs and empowers his community to make positive changes; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee herewith congratulates Dr. Ramel Smith on giving the Keynote Address for the 19<sup>th</sup> Annual King Fest celebration, commends him and wishes for him success in all of his future endeavors; and, be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED,** That a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to Dr. Ramel Smith.

Introduced by Common Council members Milele A. Coggs, Ashanti Hamilton, Russell W. Stamper, II, Mark A. Borkowski, Scott Spiker, José G. Pérez, Chantia Lewis, Khalif J. Rainey, Cavalier Johnson and Nikiya Dodd and approved by all members of the Milwaukee Common Council on January 21, 2020.