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Substitute resolution approving the “HaRUNbee” Walk/Run as part of Bronzeville Week 2016.

This resolution approves the HaRUNbee Walk/Run as part of Bronzeville Week 2016. The HaRUNbee Walk/Run for Healthy Birth Outcomes is intended to raise awareness and help prevent infant mortality in the city of Milwaukee.

Whereas, The Milwaukee Lifecourse Initiative for Healthy Families (LIHF) organized the HaRUNbee Walk/Run for Healthy Birth Outcomes (“HaRUNbee”) to promote wellness by encouraging families to stay healthy and fit, both mentally and physically; and

Whereas, The Milwaukee LIHF is a community-wide collaborative, led by United Way of Greater Milwaukee and Waukesha County, working to eliminate racial disparities in birth outcomes and ensure more babies reach their first birthday; and

Whereas, The magnitude of infant mortality in Milwaukee reflects social economic conditions that affect maternal and infant health, including factors such as access to quality healthcare, education, poverty and racism; and

Whereas, In 2012, the Wisconsin Department of Health Services recognized the persistent high death rate of infants born to African-American women (2-4 times as likely to die before their first birthday as infants born to White women), as an unacceptable health disparity in Wisconsin; and

Whereas, According to the City of Milwaukee Fetal Infant Mortality Review Report (2013), during 2009-2011, the most common causes of infant death in Milwaukee were prematurity, congenital abnormalities and Sudden Infant Death Syndrome; and;

Whereas, In the city of Milwaukee, the Harambee neighborhood had the 2<sup>nd</sup> highest rate of infant mortality in 2012; and

Whereas, HaRUNbee will allow residents of Milwaukee, from both within and outside of the Harambee community, to come together and participate in a 5K Walk/Run as an effort to increase infant mortality education; and

Whereas, Promoting wellness and encouraging communities to eat healthier and exercise will reduce the risk of infant mortality in Milwaukee; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, By the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee, that the Common Council approves the HaRUNbee Walk/Run as part of Bronzeville Week 2016; and, be it

Further Resolved, That the Common Council calls upon public and private healthcare providers, and community organizations, to promote health and wellness and the awareness of infant mortality in Milwaukee; and be it

Further Resolved, That the Common Council urges all city residents, businesses and community groups to join in the effort to work together to eliminate racial disparities in birth outcomes and ensure more babies are born healthy and reach their first birthday.

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