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## Council approves ‘Girls’ Day’ as official city program

For the past three years, Alderwoman Milele A. Coggs has held a daylong event at City Hall giving young women the opportunity to be empowered by making new contacts, and by exploring possible future career opportunities in public service. Today (Tuesday, July 23), the full Common Council voted overwhelmingly to make the event an annual official city program.

The resolution – Council file #121590 – states that the purpose of **Girls’ Day** is “to focus attention on the importance of girls and young women in the community, and to develop innovative strategies to empower them to overcome barriers to reach their full potential as the next generation of leaders.”

The file’s primary sponsor, Alderwoman Coggs, is one of just 14 women in the history of the City of Milwaukee to have served as a Common Council member – a “club” that is far too exclusive, she said. “I believe my fellow Council members have seen the value of Girls’ Day, and recognize that it is a positive program that can nurture and empower future leaders of our city,” Alderwoman Coggs said.

“I am grateful to all of my colleagues who voted for it, and who asked to be co-sponsors,” she said.

Co-sponsors of file #121590 are: **Alderman José G. Pérez; Alderman Willie C. Wade; Alderman Ashanti Hamilton; Alderman Tony Zielinski; Alderman Joe Davis, Sr., Alderman Jim Bohl; Alderman Michael J. Murphy; and Alderman Willie L. Hines, Jr.**