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Hip-Hop Week MKE unanimously approved at Common Council meeting

Today, the Common Council unanimously voted to approve **Hip-Hop Week MKE**, a city-wide celebration of hip-hop culture through display, activities, and events. The inaugural Hip-Hop Week MKE will run from **August 27- September 2, 2018**.

The legislation (Council **file #171289**) was introduced and sponsored by **Alderman Khalif J. Rainey** in recognition of the influence and power of hip-hop culture. Alderman Rainey plans to bring a wide mix of the musical, artistic, education and historical aspects of hip-hop into the activities and celebrations for Hip-Hop Week MKE. As this genre continues to be an artistic platform used to critique and influence the American experience, Hip-Hop Week MKE will serve as a community-building event for all Milwaukee residents.

Alderman Rainey said he is in the process talking to potential community partners and sponsors looking to assist in making Hip-Hop Week MKE a great city wide success. "I know the energy and momentum will continue to build, so I am reaching out and seeing who's willing to step up to be a part of this great new official city event. Who's in?" he said.

"For the inaugural Hip-Hop Week MKE, the conversation will center on health, financial literacy, and civic engagement. Hip-hop has the unique ability to bring communities together and stimulate conversations about relevant issues in our society," said Alderman Rainey. "I am thrilled to bring this event to our community with the help of my colleagues. In August, Milwaukee will experience the true power and influence of hip-hop."

The file is co-sponsored by Council members **Russell W. Stamper, II, Ashanti Hamilton, Milele A. Coggs, José G. Pérez, Cavalier "Chevy" Johnson, and Tony Zielinski.**

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