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A successful debut for Hip-Hop Week MKE

Statement of Alderman Khalif J. Rainey August 27, 2018

I want to thank everyone who came out to experience and support the first-ever Hip-Hop Week MKE, an official City of Milwaukee event that ended yesterday after a week-long run of diverse sessions and performances.

Hip-Hop Week MKE's first run was a success and it brought people together in safe spaces to be entertained, to receive information and access resources, and to discuss a wide range of important issues. From DJ Kool Herc talking about how he created Hip-Hop and break dancing as an alternative to violence, to Jay Morrison's financial intelligence seminar, to our Hip-Hop Networking event, to our Hip-Hop Week MKE Job Fair, to RZA: Live from the 36th Chamber, to Mysonne's documentary on civic engagement, and to local Milwaukee artists performing and being celebrated, and to Masta Ace talking frankly about health information and his battles with MS – there was a wealth of excellent programming and opportunities, and again I thank everyone who came out and made this first-time event a success.

I want to also thank the many partner venues who so generously opened their doors to help us showcase events: The Miller High Life Theatre; St. Joseph Hospital; The Wisconsin Black Historical Society; Gee's Clippers; The Miramar Theatre; The Rave/Eagles Club; The Riverside and The Oriental Theatre.

Hip-Hop Week MKE would not have been possible without the generous support and commitment of our dedicated sponsors. I say THANK YOU to The City of Milwaukee, Historic King Drive BID, 88Nine Radio, Potawatomi Hotel Casino, V100.7 Jams, Jammin' 98.3, TRSTD Kicks, VISIT Milwaukee, Summerfest, Associated Bank, MillerCoors, The Rave/Eagles Club, Harley-Davidson, Miller High Life Theatre, Gruber Law Offices, The Oriental Theater, General Capital, Mandel Group, Milwaukee Film, Ascension, MorganDezine, and The Riverside for your support in making the inaugural Hip-Hop Week MKE a true success.

I am already looking forward to putting together an entertaining and enriching 2019 Hip-Hop Week MKE next August!

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