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## **Common Council approves the HaRUNbee Walk/Run for Healthy Birth Outcomes as an official City of Milwaukee event**

The Common Council approved legislation on Wednesday, May 29 establishing the HaRUNbee Walk/Run for Healthy Birth Outcomes, founded by Tonda Thompson, as an official City of Milwaukee event. The walk/run had been managed by the United Way of Greater Milwaukee and Waukesha County for the past five years through a grant from the University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health's Lifecourse Initiative for Healthy Families.

**Common Council File #190218**, sponsored by **Alderman Milele A. Coggs**, transfers management of the walk/run to the City Clerk's Office, with authorization to solicit and accept contributions to fund it.

"The goal of the HaRUNbee Walk/Run is to raise awareness of infant mortality, and encourage collaborations within the greater Milwaukee area to reduce it," said Ald. Coggs. "In addition, we continue to work to eliminate racial disparities in healthy birth outcomes and through this annual event, we will as a community establish and nurture a sustainable model to accomplish our mission."