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MEDIA ADVISORY

Reminder: Latvian Independence Day Celebration comes to City Hall on Sunday

Alderman Peter Burgelis (who also serves as Chairperson of the Wisconsin Latvian Cultural Foundation) invites media outlets to cover the upcoming **Latvian Independence Day Celebration** happening this Sunday at Milwaukee City Hall.

Latvia's Independence Day is observed annually on November 18. Many Latvian families in Milwaukee trace their roots to those who fled Soviet occupation during and after World War II. Sunday's celebration also marks the conclusion of the week-long "We Are Latvian" exhibit on display at City Hall.

The community celebration will take place **Sunday, November 16**, from **11 a.m. to 1 p.m.** in the **City Hall Rotunda, 200 E. Wells St.** The program commemorates the 107th anniversary of Latvia's independence and will feature cultural performances and remarks from distinguished guests, including:

- Elita Kuzma, Latvian Ambassador to the United States
- Mayor Cavalier Johnson
- Lieutenant Governor Sara Rodriguez

"Latvia has a deep, rich history in Milwaukee, across Wisconsin, and throughout the country. I couldn't think of a better place to celebrate Latvian Independence Day in our community than at our beautiful City Hall. I look forward to a festive event that celebrates the Latvian people and culture," said Alderman Burgelis.

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