

BY ALD. PEREZ

*Resolution congratulating Marina Garza-Croft from Dance Academy of Mexico, LLC on her selection as the 2013 Entrepreneur of the Year by the Latino Entrepreneurial Network of Southeastern Wisconsin, Inc.*

**WHEREAS,**

**MARINA GARZA-CROFT**

*was selected as 2013 Entrepreneur of the Year by the Latino Entrepreneurial Network of Southeastern Wisconsin, Inc., and she was honored during LEN's Entrepreneurial Celebration Exit Awards on December 7, 2013 at the Oak Creek Community Center; and*

**WHEREAS,** *Marina Garza-Croft was selected for the honor after demonstrating her entrepreneurial accomplishments and commitment to supporting her community and her employees; and*

**WHEREAS,** *A lawyer by trade, with licenses to practice law in both Mexico and Wisconsin, Marina Garza-Croft grew to love dance as a young woman, and went on to found and direct the Dance Academy of Mexico in Milwaukee; and*

**WHEREAS,** *Marina Garza-Croft exemplifies LEN's mission statement, which is to connect individuals, entrepreneurs and microenterprises with resources through strategic alliance formation, networking and the sharing of business and financial practices, and all members take a pledge to uphold the organization's values of acting with integrity, maintaining high ethics, sharing knowledge, investing in the community and fostering professionalism; and*

**WHEREAS,** *Founded in 2005, LEN has grown to 300 members and has served 600 people in the Milwaukee area, and Marina Garza-Croft's contributions to the organization and the community have benefitted both; now, therefore, be it*

**RESOLVED,** *That the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee herewith congratulates Marina Garza-Croft on being selected as the 2013 Entrepreneur of the Year, commends her for her achievements and accomplishments and wishes for continued success in all her endeavors; and, be it*

**FURTHER RESOLVED,** *That a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to Marina Garza-Croft.*

**Introduced by Common Council member José G. Pérez and approved by all members of the Milwaukee Common Council on December 17, 2013.**