## BY ALDS. WITKOWSKI, DUDZIK, ZIELINSKI, BOHL, DONOVAN, COGGS, PUENTE, HINES, PEREZ

Resolution congratulating the Most Reverend Jerome E. Listecki for receiving the 2013 Polish-American of the Year Award presented by the Milwaukee Society of the Polish National Alliance.

## WHEREAS.

## THE MOST REVEREND JEROME E. LISTECKI

was awarded the 2013 Polish-American of the Year Award by the Milwaukee Society of the Polish National Alliance on October 6, 2013 during the 67<sup>th</sup> Annual Polish Day Banquet at the Polish Center of Wisconsin; and

**WHEREAS**, The Most Reverend Jerome E. Listecki, the 11<sup>th</sup> archbishop of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee, is a proud Polish American who has demonstrated dedication to embracing Polish culture in Milwaukee and across the Archdiocese of Milwaukee; and

WHEREAS, The Most Reverend Jerome E. Listecki earned a civil law degree from DePaul University, Chicago (1976), undertook graduate studies in Canon Law and Moral Theology in 1979 at the Pontifical University of St. Thomas Aquinas, Rome, earning a doctoral degree in Canon Law in 1981, and continuing Moral Theology studies until his return to the Archdiocese of Chicago in 1983; taught Canon Law and Moral Theology at the Archdiocese of Chicago major seminary, and was a member of the faculty at the University of St. Mary of the Lake in Mundelein, Ill.; and

WHEREAS, Bishop Listecki, a native of Chicago's southeast side whose father owned a tavern and later worked as a Chicago Transit Authority bus driver, attended St. Michael the Archangel Grammar School, Quigley Preparatory Seminary South High School and Niles College of Loyola University; he began his graduate studies at the University of St. Mary of the Lake, Mundelein Seminary in 1971, and was ordained a priest on May 14, 1975; on November 7, 2000, he was appointed auxiliary bishop of Chicago by Pope John Paul II and was ordained a bishop on January 8, 2001, and in January 2002, Bishop Listecki was named the Episcopal Vicar of the Vicariate 1 of the Archdiocese of Chicago; and

WHEREAS, Bishop Listecki has championed many positive and uplifting causes in Milwaukee and the archdiocese, especially strengthening educational opportunities for children and young people, and programs to help the poor and disadvantaged; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee herewith congratulates the Most Reverend Jerome E. Listecki on being honored with the Polish-American of the Year Award from the Milwaukee Society of the Polish National Alliance, recognizes him for his dedication to his Polish heritage and his community, and wishes for his continued health and happiness; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to the Most Reverend Jerome E. Listecki.

Introduced by Common Council members Terry L. Witkowski, Joe Dudzik, Jim Bohl, Robert G. Donovan, Milele A. Coggs, Robert W. Puente, Tony Zielinski, José G. Pérez and Willie L. Hines, Jr. and approved by all members of the Milwaukee Common Council on October 15, 2013.