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*Resolution congratulating Ricardo Diaz on receiving the 2019 Hispanic Heritage Month Award from the Roberto Hernández Center at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee.*

**WHEREAS,**

## **RICARDO DIAZ**

*was honored as the 2019 Hispanic Heritage Month Award winner presented by the Roberto Hernández Center at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee on October 11, 2019; and*

**WHEREAS,** *The Roberto Hernández Center presents the Hispanic Heritage Month Award as an annual tradition of honoring individuals who exemplify achievement in Milwaukee's Latino community; and*

**WHEREAS,** *Ricardo Diaz serves as executive director for the United Community Center, a comprehensive social service agency for Milwaukee-area Latinos, and the United Community Center is the 17<sup>th</sup> largest Hispanic non-profit in the country; and*

**WHEREAS,** *Ricardo Diaz has more than 30 years of non-profit management experience, and throughout his career, has demonstrated a strong commitment to education as well as to neighborhood and economic development, through leadership and technical assistance to Milwaukee area agencies; and*

**WHEREAS,** *Ricardo Diaz previously served as Milwaukee's Commissioner of City Development and as the executive director of the Milwaukee Housing Authority, and under his leadership, the United Community Center has undergone a number of expansions in the last 10 years including a Latino Geriatric Center to serve the elderly with Alzheimer's Disease, a new elderly housing complex and senior center in conjunction with the Housing Authority and several additions and renovations of the Bruce Guadalupe Community School; and*

**WHEREAS,** *Ricardo Diaz serves on the board for Pearls for Teen Girls, Milwaukee Charter School Advocates, the Alverno College Board of Trustees, the Green Bay Packers and the UWM Community Advisory Board for Hispanic Serving Initiatives among many others, and Mr. Diaz is an alumni of both Carroll University and UW-Milwaukee; now, therefore, be it*

**RESOLVED,** *That the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee herewith congratulates Dr. Enrique Figueroa for being honored as the 2016 Hispanic Heritage Month Award winner by the Roberto Hernández Center, commends him for his outstanding service in the community, and wishes for him success in all of his future endeavors; and, be it*

**FURTHER RESOLVED,** *That a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to Ricardo Diaz.*

**Introduced by Common Council members José Pérez, Ashanti Hamilton, Milele A. Coggs, Russell W. Stamper, II, Mark A. Borkowski, Scott Spiker, Chantia Lewis, Khalif J. Rainey, Cavalier Johnson, and Nikiya Dodd and approved by all members of the Milwaukee Common Council on October 15, 2019.**