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Resolution congratulating Alderman José G. Pérez on his selection as the 2018 Hispanic Man of the Year by United Migrant Opportunity Services.

WHEREAS,

ALDERMAN JOSÉ G. PÉREZ

was selected as the 2018 Hispanic Man of the Year by United Migrant Opportunity Services, and was honored during UMOS's 38th annual Hispanic Awards Banquet on October 20, 2018 at Potawatomi Hotel and Casino; and

***WHEREAS,** José G. Pérez was born in May 1968 in Milwaukee and grew up on the near south side, where he was raised by his Puerto Rican mother and grandparents, and as immigrants to the U.S. in the early 1950s, his family instilled in him a passion for hard work and a belief in the possibility of change; and*

***WHEREAS,** Alderman Pérez enrolled at Cardinal Stritch University and was the first Latino Student Government Association President and the first recipient of the Multi-Cultural Image Award that is now institutionalized at the university, and he also interned for Congressman Kleczka in Washington D.C. through the Hispanic Congressional Caucus Institute (1996), for Milwaukee Mayor John O. Norquist (1997) and for the Milwaukee City Clerk's office (1998) during the summers; and*

***WHEREAS,** José obtained a B.A. in political science from Cardinal Stritch in May 1999 and soon became MICAH's executive director and led the organization to create the Good Jobs and Livable Neighborhoods Coalition, consisting of labor and community organizations to ensure the Park East Land Corridor development would benefit the entire city, and during his tenure the 12th District has experienced major growth and development in terms of new businesses, new retail and housing, and enhancements of public spaces; and*

***WHEREAS,** Alderman Pérez is vice chair of the Zoning, Neighborhoods and Development Committee and serves on several boards, including the Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District, NLC Hispanic Elected Local Officials, Milwaukee Continuum of Care and Harbor District Milwaukee; and*

***WHEREAS,** The UMOS Hispanic Awards honor the contributions of Wisconsin Hispanics to their communities, and Alderman José G. Pérez is an outstanding example of an individual making a positive impact on the lives of others; now, therefore, be it*

***RESOLVED,** That the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee herewith congratulates Alderman José G. Pérez on being selected as the 2018 Hispanic Man of the Year, commends him for his accomplishments, and wishes for him a happy, healthy and successful future; and, be it*

***FURTHER RESOLVED,** That a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to Alderman José G. Pérez.*

Introduced by Common Council members José G. Pérez, Terry L. Witkowski, Tony Zielinski, Robert G. Donovan, Michael J. Murphy, Milele A. Coggs, Mark A. Borkowski, Chantia Lewis, Cavalier Johnson and Russell W. Stamper, II and approved by all members of the Milwaukee Common Council on November 5, 2018.