BY ALDS MOORE, PEREZ, ZAMARRIPA, PRATT, CHAMBERS, BROSTOFF, BAUMAN, WESTMORELAND, COGGS, SPIKER, STAMPER

Resolution congratulating Dr. Sebastian and Mrs. Yvonne Ssempijja on being honored at the Sebastian Family Psychology Practice & Uganda Behavioral Health Alliance Gala.

WHEREAS

DR. SEBASTIAN AND MRS. YVONNE SSEMPIJJA

were honored for their 35 years of service to the Milwaukee community at the Sebastian Family Psychology Practice & Uganda Behavioral Health Alliance Gala on Saturday, August 16, 2025, at the Alverno College Bucyrus Conference Center; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Sebastian and Mrs. Yvonne were honored at the annual Sebastian Family Psychology Practice & Uganda Behavioral Health Alliance Gala in recognition of their over 35 years of dedicated service to the Milwaukee community; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Sebastian and Mrs. Yvonne have been dedicated advocates for Milwaukee's most vulnerable children and families through their pioneering work in behavioral health, grounded in cultural understanding, trauma-informed care, and deep compassion, which has positively impacted thousands across the city; and

WHEREAS, Their practice has become a vital source of healing and hope, particularly within public schools, where they have brought trauma-informed care directly into classrooms, supporting students, parents, and educators, and globally their efforts extend into Africa, where they have launched and led grassroots mental health initiatives and community-based literacy programs that now serve over 14,000 students across 40 rural schools in Uganda; and

WHEREAS, Yvonne Ssempijja, in addition to being a CPA and fierce advocate, is a cofounder and director of Mirembe Words of Wisdom and board chair of Grandmothers Beyond Borders, while Dr. Sebastian has mentored countless professionals and guided families through crises with dignity and empathy; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee herewith recognizes Dr. Sebastian and Mrs. Yvonne Ssempijja, extends its appreciation on behalf of the community for their exemplary service, and celebrates their commitment to the community; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That a suitably engrossed copy of the resolution be present to Dr. Sebastian and Mrs. Yvonne Ssempijja.

Introduced by Common Council members Sharlen P. Moore, José G. Pérez, JoCasta Zamarripa, Andrea M. Pratt, Mark Chambers, Jr., Jonathan Brostoff, Robert Bauman,

Lamont Westmoreland, Milele A. Coggs, Scott Spiker, and Russell W. Stamper, II and approved by all members of the Milwaukee Common Council on November 6, 2024.