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Resolution recognizing Lupe Martinez on receiving the title of President Emeritus after serving 49 years as the President and Chief Executive officer of UMOs.

WHEREAS,

LUPE MARTINEZ

transitioned to President Emeritus of UMOs on January 1, 2024, after decades of distinguished top leadership at the organization; and

WHEREAS, *As President Emeritus Lupe Martinez will continue to be of service to UMOs and focus on long-range planning, building, maintaining, and enhancing strategic partnerships, securing funding for the agency, overseeing legislative and government affairs, and assisting the board with the selection and transition of a successor CEO; and*

WHEREAS, *For 49 years, Lupe Martinez served as president and chief executive officer of UMOs, starting out in 1974 when UMOs was a single-state, single-focus, migrant farmworker-serving agency only, and today under his leadership, UMOs has become nationally recognized, providing diverse programs and services to populations in Florida, Missouri, Minnesota, Texas, and Wisconsin; and*

WHEREAS, *UMOs advocates and provides programs and services that improve the employment, educational, health, and housing opportunities of underserved populations, and Lupe Martinez has made it his life's work to serve the agency's key clients -- migrant and seasonal farmworkers; and*

WHEREAS, *UMOs also produces nine corporate and community events annually and has become the largest Hispanic-managed non-profit organization in Wisconsin, as well as one of the largest in the nation, and UMOs is also the largest non-profit workforce development contractor within the State of Wisconsin; and*

WHEREAS, *Lupe Martinez has helped UMOs become a performance based, data driven, customer focused non-profit agency, and while serving farmworkers has remained UMOs' founding mission, UMOs has grown into a nationally recognized corporation serving diverse populations in multiple states; now, therefore, be it*

RESOLVED, *That the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee herewith congratulates Lupe Martinez for being honored as President Emeritus of UMOs, commends him for his outstanding service in the community and nationally, 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 Lupe Martinez.*

Introduced by Common Council members José G. Pérez, JoCasta Zamarripa, Marina Dimitrijevic, Mark A. Borkowski, Russell W. Stamper, II, Lamont Westmoreland, Andrea M. Pratt, Larresa Taylor, Scott Spiker, Mark Chambers, Jr., Jonathan Brostoff, Robert J. Bauman, Khalif J. Rainey and Milele A. Coggs and approved by all members of the Milwaukee Common Council on December 12, 2023.