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Resolution congratulating VIA CDC on its selection as the winner of the 2023 Non-Profit Champion of the Year Award by the Latino Entrepreneurial Network of Southeastern Wisconsin, Inc.

WHEREAS,

VIA CDC

was selected as the 2023 winner of the Non-Profit Champion of the Year Award by the Latino Entrepreneurial Network of Southeastern Wisconsin, Inc., and was honored during LEN's Entrepreneurial Celebration Exito Awards on December 2, 2023 at the Oak Creek Community Center, 8580 S. Howell Ave.; and

WHEREAS, *VIA Community Development Corporation (VIA CDC) acts like a puzzle master, putting together the puzzle pieces for a great quality of life – pieces like a healthy built environment, equitable economic opportunity, and grassroots community leaders; and*

WHEREAS, *VIA CDC was founded in 1995 by the School Sisters of St. Francis (SSSF), and VIA aims to ensure universal access for people and communities to thrive, and located on Milwaukee's near south side, acknowledges the ancestral lands of the Potawatomi, Menomonie, and other indigenous people who still live there today; and*

WHEREAS, *VIA CDC, a key LEN partner, has empowered local entrepreneurs through the Zilber Grant, and in a two-year initiative they've supported 14 contractors, including covering license costs, and showcasing their joint commitment to local business success; now, therefore, be it*

RESOLVED, *That the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee herewith congratulates VIA CDC on being selected as the winner of the 2023 Non-Profit Champion of the Year Award, commends it for its achievements and accomplishments and wishes for it continued success in all her endeavors; and, be it*

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

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