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*Resolution congratulating Dr. Tracey Sparrow on being awarded a 2023 Estrella Brillante Award.*

**WHEREAS,**

## **DR. TRACEY SPARROW**

*was awarded a 2023 Estrella Brillante Award for her immeasurable contributions to Hispanics in Milwaukee, and was recognized at the United Community Center's 53<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary Celebration on April 28, 2023; and*

**WHEREAS,** *Dr. Tracey Sparrow has shown a sincere commitment to the betterment of her community through her work as a friend to Milwaukee's Hispanic community; and*

**WHEREAS,** *Dr. Tracey Sparrow has spent nearly three decades working in education, and prior to her recent retirement as Executive Director of the Next Door Foundation, she led the agency in ensuring more than 1,500 children from under-resourced communities received a high quality early childhood education; and*

**WHEREAS,** *Dr. Sparrow is an Estrella Brillante for UCC as she was a key thought partner and trusted resource for UCC in 2018 when it expanded its early childhood program from 3 years old, to serve children birth to three, and because of her guidance and expertise, the two agencies now partner and collaborate to serve a greater number of families across the entire city; and*

**WHEREAS,** *With Dr. Tracey Sparrow's guidance, UCC was able to open the Ricardo Diaz Early Learning Academy in 2021, which after just two years in operation is at full capacity serving more than 300 young learners; and*

**WHEREAS,** *Dr. Tracey Sparrow embodies the purpose of the Estrella Brillante Award, an honor which recognizes leaders who have served as a bright light and made immeasurable contributions to the betterment of their neighbors by building bridges and advancing the Hispanic community; now, therefore, be it*

**RESOLVED,** *That the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee herewith congratulates Dr. Tracey Sparrow on receiving a 2023 Estrella Brillante Award, commends her for her contributions and accomplishments, and wishes for her a happy, healthy and successful future; and, be it*

**FURTHER RESOLVED,** *That a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to Dr. Tracey Sparrow.*

**Introduced by Common Council members José G. Pérez, JoCasta Zamarripa, Marina Dimitrijevic, Mark A. Borkowski, Khalif J. Rainey, Mark Chambers, Jr., Jonathan Brostoff, Robert J. Bauman, Scott Spiker, Russell W. Stamper, II, Lamont Westmoreland and Andrea M. Pratt and approved by all members of the Milwaukee Common Council on May 9, 2023.**