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*Resolution expressing condolences to the family and friends of Al Jarreau, who passed from this life on February 12, 2017.*

**WHEREAS,**

## **ALVIN LOPEZ “AL” JARREAU**

*passed from this life on February 12, 2017, at the age of 76; and*

**WHEREAS,** *Born in Milwaukee on March 12, 1940, Al Jarreau showed an early passion for music, singing in church and with street-corner harmony groups and local jazz bands, and honing his talents at Lincoln High School; and*

**WHEREAS,** *Al Jarreau began his career as a rehabilitation counselor for people with disabilities in San Francisco, where he started performing in nightclubs after a few years and began his full-time musical career; and*

**WHEREAS,** *Al Jarreau received critical acclaim for his appealing and unusual vocal style, improvisational skill and ability to blend many genres, and he impacted many people with his passion for music education and his creative, skillful musical style; and*

**WHEREAS,** *Al Jarreau sold millions of records, recorded 21 albums, toured all over the world, received seven Grammy Awards in the pop, R&B and jazz categories, as well as a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame and attracted a wide, varied audience; and*

**WHEREAS,** *Al Jarreau displayed great hometown pride and advocated for access to music education, especially for Milwaukee youth, receiving a Lifetime Achievement Award and an endowment in his name supporting MPS school music programs from the Wisconsin Foundation for School Music in October 2016; and*

**WHEREAS,** *Al Jarreau leaves to cherish his memory his wife Susan, his son Ryan, his brothers and sister and many other loving relatives and friends; now, therefore, be it*

**RESOLVED,** *That the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee herewith expresses its condolences to the family and friends of Alvin Lopez “Al” Jarreau and mourns with deep sorrow the passing of this fine, upstanding man; and, be it*

**FURTHER RESOLVED,** *That a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to the family of Alvin Lopez “Al” Jarreau.*

**Introduced by Common Council members Khalif J. Rainey, José G. Pérez, Milele A. Coggs, Ashanti Hamilton, Jim Bohl, Russell W. Stamper, II, Mark A. Borkowski, Terry L. Witkowski, Chantia Lewis and Cavalier Johnson and approved by all members of the Milwaukee Common Council on March 1, 2017.**