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Resolution recognizing artist Roberto Lugo

WHEREAS,

ROBERTO LUGO

was welcomed to Milwaukee in advance of his forthcoming project with the Milwaukee Art Museum on March 23, 2026; and

WHEREAS, *Roberto Lugo is a Puerto Rican American ceramic artist, social activist, and teacher, born in 1981 and raised in Philadelphia, and from doing graffiti on abandoned buildings as a teen, he sparked a lifelong passion for art, eventually finding his niche with clay through pottery; and*

WHEREAS, *Roberto Lugo holds a BFA from Kansas City Art Institute and an MFA from Penn State, where he explored ceramics history in his work, utilizing traditional European and Asian ceramic techniques in conjunction with graffiti-style painting techniques inspired by his North Philadelphia upbringing and Hip Hop culture; and*

WHEREAS, *Roberto Lugo's work, blending politics and culture, has been recognized and awarded in exhibitions around the country, and he has permanent collections in art museums that explore themes relating to American social activism as well as Lugo's family members; and*

WHEREAS, *Milwaukee Art Museum invited Roberto Lugo to make a new vessel that connects his own life experiences of poverty, inequality, and racial justice to the city's past, present, and future; now, therefore, be it*

RESOLVED, *That the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee herewith recognizes Roberto Lugo for his history of work and contributions to the cultural landscape of the community; and, be it*

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

Introduced by Common Council Members José G. Pérez, Milele A. Coggs, Russell W. Stamper, II, Mark Chambers, Jr., Andrea M. Pratt., Larresa Taylor, Lamont Westmoreland, Sharlen P. Moore, Di Andre Jackson, Scott Spiker, Robert Bauman, JoCasta Zamarripa, Peter Burgelis, Alex Brower, Marina Dimitrijevic, and approved by all members of the Milwaukee Common Council on March 24, 2026.