

BY ALDS. PEREZ, WITKOWSKI, DONOVAN, ZIELINSKI, MURPHY

Resolution congratulating Teresa Mercado on her selection as the 2015 Hispanic Woman of the Year by United Migrant Opportunity Services.

WHEREAS,

TERESA MERCADO

was selected as the 2015 Hispanic Woman of the Year by United Migrant Opportunity Services, and was honored during UMOS' 35th annual Hispanic Awards Banquet on October 10, 2015 at the Italian Conference Center; and

WHEREAS, *Teresa Mercado was born in Jalisco, Mexico and she relocated to Milwaukee when she was 22 years old; and*

WHEREAS, *Teresa Mercado started as a volunteer with the Wisconsin Hispanic Scholarship Foundation (WHSF), and as her passion and dedication led to her appointment as Executive Director of the Wisconsin Hispanic Scholarship Foundation in 2002, an organization that has awarded over \$1.2 million dollars in college scholarships to deserving students; and*

WHEREAS, *Teresa Mercado has been instrumental in growing Mexican Fiesta to the cultural mainstay it is today, and her integrity, organizational skills and vision have helped the Fiesta expand beyond Mexican culture to attract and welcome Latin American, South American and Caribbean cultures; and*

WHEREAS, *Teresa Mercado has advocated for improving the educational and health trajectories within the Hispanic community, and she serves on a number of advisory boards dedicated to these issues; and*

WHEREAS, *Teresa Mercado is well-known as a dynamic leader within the Hispanic community, and she has balanced her professional achievements with her role as a loving wife and mother of two daughters; and*

WHEREAS, *The UMOS Hispanic Awards honor the contributions of Wisconsin Hispanics to their communities, and Teresa Mercado is an outstanding example of an individual making a positive impact on the lives of others; now, therefore, be it*

RESOLVED, *That the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee herewith congratulates Teresa Mercado on being selected as the 2015 Hispanic Woman of the Year, commends her for her achievement 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 Teresa Mercado.*

Introduced by Common Council members José G. Pérez, Terry L. Witkowski, Tony Zielinski, Robert G. Donovan, Michael J. Murphy and approved by all members of the Milwaukee Common Council on November 2, 2015.