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Resolution congratulating Erika Villafuerte of Salud First on her selection as the winner of the 2023 Community Volunteer of the Year Award by the Latino Entrepreneurial Network of Southeastern Wisconsin, Inc.

WHEREAS,

ERIKA VILLAFUERTE

was selected as the 2023 winner of the Community Volunteer 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, *Erika Villafuerte is a passionate entrepreneur and enthusiastic about collaborations for educating, and encouraging many diverse communities in a sensitive way that is respectful to each generation's needs to feel empowered toward reaching overall personal, and professional well-being; and*

WHEREAS, *Erika is a founder and has held the role as the director of Salud First since October 2013, and Salud First is a Bilingual healthcare education and wellness encouragement program that specializes in presentations, workshops, and community resource sessions to help bring more awareness to self-empowered steps towards healthy lifestyles while keeping in mind the social disparities some may face; and*

WHEREAS, *Erika's three-year coaching assistance greatly benefited small businesses, offering culturally relevant support, and she has made exceptional contributions to LEN's mission of helping the Southeast Wisconsin community; now, therefore, be it*

RESOLVED, *That the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee herewith congratulates Erika Villafuerte of Salud First on being selected as the 2023 winner of the Community Volunteer of the Year Award, commends her for her achievements and accomplishments and wishes for her continued success in all her endeavors; and, be it*

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

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.