RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION TO LOCATION OF GENTLEMEN'S CLUB NEAR DOWNTOWN CAMPUS Resolution (BD0021-11-13)

WHEREAS, Milwaukee Area Technical College annually serves more than 28,000 students on the campus property it owns near and around 6^{th} and State streets in the City of Milwaukee; and has – along with its family of students, faculty and staff – been part of Downtown since the early days of the 20^{th} century; and

WHEREAS, MATC enjoys a positive, mutually beneficial relationship with its neighboring businesses and institutions, including the BMO Harris Bradley Center, and has worked hard for 100 years to ensure Downtown is a vibrant, comfortable place to learn, work and spend time; and

WHEREAS, the comfort, safety and positive public perception of its neighborhood is essential to MATC's continued success; and

WHEREAS, the operators of Silk Exotic Gentlemen's Club have proposed to lease City-owned space at the corner of 4th Street and Juneau Avenue and have applied for a license to allow "Adult Entertainment/Strippers/Erotic Dance" to occur in that Cityowned space; and

WHEREAS, the City of Milwaukee becoming landlord to tenant that would have a major negative input on the character of MATC's downtown neighborhood; create an uncomfortable atmosphere for the faculty, staff and students who depend on our institution for lifelong learning; and threaten the success of MATC and its neighbors;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Milwaukee Area Technical College District Board, as a property owner committed to the success of its neighborhood and Downtown Milwaukee as a whole, formally opposes plans to locate Silk Exotic Gentlemen's Club in City-owned space at the location in question and respectfully requests that the City deny the license application.