

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

*Resolution congratulating Dr. Arturo Martinez on his selection as the 2015 Hispanic Man of the Year by United Migrant Opportunity Services.*

**WHEREAS,**

**DR. ARTURO MARTINEZ**

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

**WHEREAS,** *Dr. Arturo Martinez has made significant contributions to the quality of life for Wisconsin's Hispanic community through civic engagement, cultural enrichment and education; and*

**WHEREAS,** *Dr. Arturo Martinez, an associate dean at the Milwaukee Area Technical College (MATC), has dedicated more than 25 years of his professional career to education, and was instrumental in designing and offering the only bilingual Dental Assistant Diploma Program by a community college in 2005; and*

**WHEREAS,** *Dr. Arturo Martinez has also ensured that GED programs are offered in Spanish, and he was the first to develop a culinary arts and welding program for bilingual students; and*

**WHEREAS,** *Dr. Arturo Martinez was recently re-elected for a fourth term as the Wisconsin LULAC State Director, a position through which he wrote a successful grant for LULAC Chapter 326 and was awarded \$20,000 from the Ford Driving Dreams Grants to address Hispanic youth graduation rates in Milwaukee; and*

**WHEREAS,** *Dr. Arturo Martinez filed a lawsuit was successful in getting a court order to temporarily block the Wisconsin Voter ID law from being implemented during the November 2014 Wisconsin elections; and*

**WHEREAS,** *Dr. Arturo Martinez has worked diligently to increase the number of college scholarships to Hispanic students in Milwaukee and increase the number of LULAC chapters in Wisconsin, and has successfully created the Carlos Gomez/LULAC Council 333 Scholarship Fund to become the first chapter in Milwaukee's history to form a partnership with a professional baseball player; and*

**WHEREAS,** *The UMOS Hispanic Awards honor the contributions of Wisconsin Hispanics to their communities, and Dr. Arturo Martinez 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 Dr. Arturo Martinez on being selected as the 2015 Hispanic Man of the Year, commends him for his accomplishments, and wishes for him a happy, healthy and successful future; and, be it*

**FURTHER RESOLVED,** *That a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to Dr. Arturo Martinez.*

**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.**