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*Resolution recognizing Dr. Mary J. Meehan outgoing president of Alverno College.*

**WHEREAS,**

## **DR. MARY J. MEEHAN**

*retired as President of Alverno College during June, 2016; and*

**WHEREAS,** *Dr. Mary J. Meehan came to lead Wisconsin's premier liberal arts college with impressive credentials, having served as vice president and assistant to the president as well as executive vice president at Seton Hall University; and*

**WHEREAS,** *Alverno grew with Dr. Mary J. Meehan at the helm: In 2005 Alverno launched its second master's degree, a Master of Science in Nursing; in 2006 the College completed a campus beautification project featuring NCAA athletic fields, landscaping and Reiman Plaza and started its Master of Business Administration program; in 2008 Clare Hall is renovated; in 2009 Dr. Meehan led the launch of Alverno's Research Center for Women and Girls, the only center of its kind in the Midwest; in 2010 the Alverno Inferno Hall of Fame was opened, and in 2012, in honor of the College's 125th anniversary, Dr. Meehan challenged the Alverno community to reach 125,000 hours of volunteer service, the College surpassed the goal with more than 300,000 hours; and*

**WHEREAS,** *Dr. Mary J. Meehan continued to lead Alverno into the future, and in 2013 New Alverno Advantage programs innovated distance learning by combining online and in-classroom instruction, and in the same year the MSN Mental Health Nurse Practitioner program began, and graduate program enrollment reached a record 674 students, and in 2014 construction started on the \$30 million Promise & Power campus improvement project, improvements included a new classroom building, a state-of-the-art nursing simulation center for the JoAnn McGrath School of Nursing and the creation of a new, larger student commons, and in 2015 The Promise & Power campaign exceeded its goal, raising \$32.8 million; and*

**WHEREAS,** *As Alverno College's seventh president, Dr. Mary J. Meehan led an institution nationally renowned for its excellence, depth and diversity, and for its commitment to the continuous development of Milwaukee as a first class city; now, therefore, be it*

**RESOLVED,** *That the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee herewith recognizes Dr. Mary J. Meehan for her work as the president of Alverno College, thanks her on behalf of the citizens of the City of Milwaukee, and wishes for her health and happiness in retirement*

**Introduced by Common Council member Mark A. Borkowski, Milele A. Coggs, Jim Bohl and José G. Pérez and approved by all members of the Milwaukee Common Council on May 24, 2016.**

