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*Resolution expressing condolences to the friends and family of Joe Bartolotta.*

**WHEREAS,**

## **JOE BARTOLOTTA**

*passed from this life on April 23, 2019 and services were held on April 27, 2019 at The Riverside Theater, 116 W. Wisconsin Ave.; and*

**WHEREAS,** *Joe Bartolotta was born to life in 1958, and spent his childhood in Wauwatosa; and*

**WHEREAS,** *Joe Bartolotta traveled to New York City to work in numerous kitchens to gain experience in the restaurant industry, eventually returning to his home community to open up his first restaurant Ristorante Bartolotta with his brother, Paul, in Wauwatosa in 1993; and*

**WHEREAS,** *Together, the brothers opened up three more successful restaurants in Milwaukee and Brookfield over the next 11 years, a number that has grown to consist of 15 food and beverage outlets, including well-known locations such as Harbor House, The Rumpus Room, Lake Park Bistro, Bacchus and many more; and*

**WHEREAS,** *Joe Bartolotta was an active community leader and philanthropist, active in various organizations in the community, such as the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation and the Bartolotta Restaurants' charity, Care-a-lotta, and also served on the MATC Advisory Board for Culinary Arts, the VISIT Milwaukee board, the UW-Stout Hospitality board and the Board of Directors for the Wisconsin Restaurant Association; and*

**WHEREAS,** *Joe Bartolotta was also instrumental in influencing decision makers to bring the 2020 Democratic National Convention to Milwaukee, and also helped to launch and expand ProStart in the Milwaukee Public Schools, a program that offers culinary education to Milwaukee's youth; and*

**WHEREAS,** *Joe Bartolotta leaves to cherish his memory his wife, Jennifer, and a whole host of other loving family members and friends; now, therefore, be it*

**RESOLVED,** *That the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee herewith expresses its condolences to the friends and family of Joe Bartolotta, and hereby honors him for his dedication to his family and community, and, be it*

**FURTHER RESOLVED,** *That a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to the family of Joe Bartolotta.*

**Introduced by Common Council members Ashanti Hamilton, Milele A. Coggs, Russell W. Stamper, II, Mark A. Borkowski, Terry L. Witkowski, José G. Pérez, Chantia Lewis, Khalif J. Rainey, Cavalier Johnson, Robert Bauman, Nik Kovac and Nikiya Dodd and approved by all members of the Milwaukee Common Council on May 7, 2019.**