**The University of Wisconsin-Whitewater**

**Academic Staff Assembly**

**RECOGNIZES THE RETIREMENT OF**

**Nelia Olivencia**

**WHEREAS,** Nelia Olivencia *has faithfully served the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater for 19 years; and*

**WHEREAS,** Nelia Olivencia *previously served* *in the following capacities before coming to UW-Whitewater: Administrator, Wisconsin Department of Health and Human Services; Administrator, University of Wisconsin-Madison; Assistant Professor, State University of California-San Jose; and Instructor, Washington University; and*

**WHEREAS,** Nelia Olivencia served as Instructor and coordinator of numerous travel study programs; and

**WHEREAS,** Nelia Olivencia served as Board Member for the Puerto Rican Studies Association and National Association of Chicano and Chicana Studies; and

**WHEREAS,** Nelia Olivencia prepared many successful grants applications to support Latino Heritage Month activities; and

**WHEREAS,** Nelia Olivencia taught several courses in Sociology, Communication, and Race & Ethnic Studies*; and*

**WHEREAS,** Nelia Olivencia served as Chairperson for the Martin Luther King Commemorative Event for several years; and

**WHEREAS,** Nelia Olivencia diligently worked with the Latino community in the city of Whitewater; and

**WHEREAS,** Nelia Olivencia tirelessly fought for the inclusion of Latino students in all aspects of the campus community*; and*

**WHEREAS,** Nelia Olivencia served on the McNair Scholars Program Advisory Committee and Plan 2008 committee; and

**WHEREAS,** Nelia Olivencia served as longtime advisor of Latinos Unidos and the ALMA Dancers; and

**WHEREAS,**Nelia Olivencia *demonstrated professional commitment, dedication and loyalty to the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater; and*

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** *that the Academic Staff Assembly acknowledges* Nelia Olivencia*’s years of distinguished service with appreciation and gratitude; and*

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** *that the Academic Staff Assembly recommends emeritus status for our honored colleague and extends to* Nelia Olivencia *our best wishes for a long, fulfilling, and well-deserved retirement.*