

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, the United Soccer League (USL) is a soccer organization originally founded in 1986 that organizes a strata of national three professional and two pre-professional men's and women's leagues including the USL Championship, USL Super League, USL League One, USL League Two, and USL W League; and

WHEREAS, USL academies provide a clearly defined path for top youth soccer prospects in their area to reach the professional level and sign directly with their senior team while improving local quality and community; and

WHEREAS, Chicago City Soccer Club (Chicago City) is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization based in the City of Chicago, focused on leading with kindness, compassion, and empathy while creating a holistic approach to the long-term development of its student athletes on and off the field; and

WHEREAS, Chicago City is the first and only Illinois Youth Soccer Association 5-Star Club in the City of Chicago, drawing children from all wards of the City, and provides unique opportunities for both players and coaches throughout the region; and

WHEREAS, Chicago City is the first and only USL Academy program in the State of Illinois and the first and only Elite Club National League (ECNL) program in the City limits, thereby leading the way in creating a true player and coach pathway to top tier soccer for the region; and

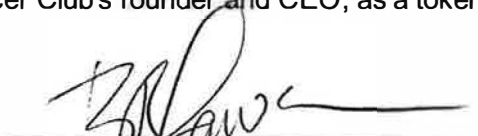
WHEREAS, as part of its USL Academy program, Chicago City sent three teams to proudly represent the City of Chicago at the 2024 USL Academy Cup, held in Tampa, Florida, in March of this year; and

WHEREAS, all three teams well represented Chicago, choosing to play the beautiful game beautifully, choosing thoughtful possession, ball movement, and control, and thus developing bodies and minds of its players, over the reliance on athletic kick and run soccer that merely provides short term results; and

WHEREAS, the 2011 boys team took top honors, winning the Select division en route defeating teams from Florida, New Jersey, and Tennessee, and did so playing smart, beautiful soccer and representing the club, our City, and themselves in the best possible way, and for that, they are the pride of Chicago; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Chicago, assembled this twelfth day of June 2024, does hereby honor and congratulate Chicago City Soccer Club on its first USL Academy Cup title; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to Nick Mulvaney, Chicago City Soccer Club's founder and CEO, as a token of our esteem and good wishes.



Bennett R. Lawson
Alderman, 44th Ward