

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Following years of dedicated public service to the residents of the City of Chicago that spanned four mayoral administrations, Beth Beatty is departing City service to become the first woman to serve as city manager of Joliet, Illinois; and

WHEREAS, The Chicago City Council has been informed of this occasion by the Honorable Michelle A. Harris, Alderman of the 8th Ward, the Honorable Samantha Nugent, Alderman of the 39th Ward, and the Honorable Debra L. Silverstein, Alderman, 50th Ward; and

WHEREAS, Raised in Moline, Illinois, Beth graduated from St. Mary's College before earning a law degree from John Marshall Law School; and

WHEREAS, Following law school, Beth served as a law clerk for the Illinois Supreme Court's Third Judicial District, before beginning her decades-long City career; and

WHEREAS, Over the years, Beth served the City in a variety of roles, including working as a policy analyst for Aldermen Gene Schuller, Debra Silverstein, and Marge Laurino, before transitioning to roles as Legislative Counsel under Mayor Rahm Emanuel in the Office of Legislative Counsel and Government Affairs, and as Deputy Chief Financial Officer, where she negotiated and managed contracts totaling over \$3.5 billion; and

WHEREAS, Most recently, Beth served as the Deputy Mayor of Intergovernmental Affairs under both Mayor Lori Lightfoot and Mayor Brandon Johnson, where she continued to play a key role in passing both Mayors' legislative agendas and the City's multi-billion-dollar annual budget; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the highs and lows of serving in City government through recessions, once-in-a-lifetime blizzards, civil unrest, and a pandemic, Beth maintained her deep passion for public service, commitment to maintaining honesty and open discussion, and, above all, her ability to get things done; and

WHEREAS, While we may be sad that such an honest, dedicated public servant is leaving the City, we congratulate the City of Joliet and its residents on an excellent selection for their new city manager, and wish Beth Beatty our most heartfelt thanks for her years of service and success in her historic new role; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the Mayor and members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, do hereby extend of our heartfelt gratitude to Beth Beatty for her years of faithful service to the City of Chicago and its residents, and wish her continued success in her new role as the first woman to be city manager of Joliet, Illinois; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be prepared and presented to Beth Beatty as a sign of our gratitude and respect.



MICHELLE A. HARRIS
Alderman, 8th Ward



SAMANTHA NUGENT
Alderman, 39th Ward

DEBRA L. SILVERSTEIN
Alderman, 50th Ward

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