

## **RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, we, the Mayor and the City Council, and on behalf of the City of Chicago, extend our sincerest condolences on the loss of Mr. Reginald Sharpe, Sr.; and

**WHEREAS**, on Monday, December 4, 2023, Mr. Sharpe, Sr. swiftly moved from time to eternity to claim his eternal rest. His parents, Grady Sharpe, Jr. and Vivian F. Sharpe, preceded him in death, along with siblings Lynn Sharpe and Jeffery D. Sharpe; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Sharp, Sr. married Fay Phillips, and together they had two sons, Reginald Wayne Sharpe, Jr., and Brandon Wesley Sharpe, with resultant monikers of “Big Red” for the father and “Little Reggie” for the elder son; and

**WHEREAS**, A devout Christian, Mr. Sharpe, Sr. studied at Beulah Heights Bible College, and was an active member and participant at his church, serving as a deacon, a Sunday school leader, a choir member, an usher, and as a ministry member; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Sharpe, Sr., left a legacy that impacted Chicago deeply in that his elder son followed his father in his Christian faith, also studying theology, and who now serves as Senior Pastor of the Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church in the Third Ward; and

**WHEREAS**, in addition to his devotion to his faith, Mr. Sharpe, Sr., exhibited a strong work ethic and appreciation for life, growth, and the outdoors through his work and at home as he often worked on various home improvement projects; and

**WHEREAS**, despite his full and active schedule, Mr. Sharpe, Sr., understood the importance of taking time for himself, and he enjoyed fishing, hunting, and baseball, to decompress, relax, and recharge; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Sharpe, Sr., leaves countless and precious memories, and is survived by his sons, sisters, brothers, aunts, and an innumerable host of nieces, nephews, cousins, neighbors, loved ones, friends, and co-workers; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Sharpe’s remarkable life and legacy symbolize the values of strength, humility, faith, and integrity, a source of unconditional love and encouragement, as a result of which his memory will always be honored and never forgotten; now, therefore,

**BE IT RESOLVED**, That we, the Mayor and Members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, assembled this twenty-fourth day of January 2024, do hereby grieve with the family and friends of Reginald Wayne Sharp, Sr., and hope that they will continue to find comfort in Mr. Sharpe’s memory during this trying time.