CONGRATULATIONS EXTENDED TO SERGEANT MICHELLE J. COOK ON HER RETIREMENT FROM THE CHICAGO POLICE DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, On May 23, 2023, Sergeant Michelle J. Cook retired from the Chicago Police Department following 30 years of dedicated public service; and

WHEREAS, The Chicago City Council has been informed of this occasion by the Honorable Derrick G. Curtis, Alderman of the 18th Ward; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Cook, Star #2349, began her illustrious career with the Chicago Police Department on May 17, 1993; her presence will be sorely missed; and

WHEREAS, Dedication to and fulfillment of the motto of the Chicago Police Department – "We Serve and Protect" – exacts a substantial physical and emotional toll not only on the officers who must daily cope with the stress and danger of putting their lives on the line for countless City residents, but also on their family members; and

WHEREAS, Throughout her long and distinguished tenure, Sergeant Cook upheld the finest traditions of the law enforcement community, and her hard work, commitment, and dedication to duty earned her the respect and admiration of her colleagues and the communities she served; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Michelle J. Cook devoted 30 years of her life to public service to the people of the City of Chicago, and, in doing so, has personally ensured that the City of Chicago is the safe, healthy, and vibrant community it is today; and

WHEREAS, The leaders of the City of Chicago want to recognize the great debt owed to our public servants, and extend our sincerest gratitude to the long and prolific career of Sergeant Cook; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the Mayor and members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, do hereby express our gratitude for 30 years of work in service to the people of the City of Chicago, and express our heartiest wishes on a pleasant retirement to Michelle J. Cook; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be prepared and presented to Sergeant Michelle J. Cook as a sign of our gratitude and respect.

DERRICK CURTIS Alderman, 18th Ward