## A City Council Resolution Honoring Katrina Robinson

WHEREAS, Katrina Robinson a native of Chicago, IL was born on July 24, 1971, a world class vocalist, recording artist, songwriter, event promoter, MC and entrepreneur, and

WHEREAS, Katrina Robinson as a child spent her summers in Harvey IL, learning and playing baseball being coached by her uncle, and

WHEREAS, Katrina Robinson, attended Frederick Douglas Elementary school where an opportunity arose for her to be on the basketball team and in just two hours, she learned the game and was versatile in all positions and lead her team to many wins as a point guard, and

WHEREAS, Katrina Robinson, attended Wells Community Academy and was guided by her coach Ms. Marva Mangram to MVP status in 3 different sports Basketball, Volleyball, and Baseball, and

WHEREAS, Katrina Robinson, received a basketball scholarship to Tougaloo College in Mississippi and was named Most Valuable Player, and

WHEREAS, Katrina Robinson transferred to Chicago State University and tied NCAA records for most 3 point shots made in the game and broke NCAA records for most assist in the game, and

WHEREAS, Katrina Robinson served as Chicago State University undergraduate assistant coach and after graduation served as CSU assistant coach under the head coach Kimberly McQuarter, and

WHEREAS, Katrina Robinson received a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Physical Education and Education from Chicago State University, and

WHEREAS, in 1996, Katrina Robinson the Stage Name "Trina TruLuv" and obtained a position with KC Productions a Chicago based LGBTQ entertainment company as show coordinator, and

WHEREAS, "Trina TruLuv" provided an entertainment opportunity for Academy Award winning actress/singer Jennifer Hudson as a competitor for KC Productions Talent Competition in the beginning of her career, and

**WHEREAS**, "Trina "TruLuv" was signed to a recording contract with record label Body Music Chicago and launched a European tour opening for one of the Queens od House Music, CeCe Peniston and R & B songstress Melba Moore, and

WHEREAS, "Trina "TruLuv's" hit singles "TruLuv" and "Do Me Baby" charted in overseas territories, and

WHEREAS, "Trina "TruLuv" served as a host/MC for E3 LGBTQ radio station, and

WHEREAS, "Trina "TruLuv" serves as a national premier host/MC for Urban Pride LGBTQ events all over the country including Cleveland OH, Atlanta GA, Dallas, TX, The Annual Splash event in Houston, TX and Milwaukee, WI, and

WHEREAS, "Trina "TruLuv" is the Brand Ambassador of Las Vegas NV LGBTQ Urban Pride, and

WHEREAS, "Trina "TruLuv" served as host for "Dancing with The Queer Stars" and is a member of the Center for Black Equality, and

WHEREAS, "Trina "TruLuv won "The Number One Stud Award 7 years in a row from 3 different businesses in the LGBTQ community, KC Productions, House of Tutt, and The Jeffery Pub, and

**WHEREAS**, "Trina "TruLuv" was also awarded a Certificate of Appreciation by *Fahrenheit Chicago*, an annual LGBTQ weekend of events experience produced by Equality Illinois, and

**WHEREAS**, "Trina "TruLuv" was the premier host of Montrose Beach Pride Festival for over 10 years, and

WHEREAS, Katrina "TruLuv" Robinson faced adversity and racism after the Montrose Beach Pride festival was cancelled and turned turnoil into Truluv when she and her affiliates launched Urban Pride Picnic Festival in 2016 in Jackson Park, and

WHEREAS, Katrina "TruLuv" Robinson is CEO of TruBeach Entertainment, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, and TruLuv Events in conjunction with her start up Urban Pride INC, which empowers and celebrates the legacy and accomplishments and is committed to creating a safer space for people of color in the LGBTQ+ communities, and

WHEREAS, Katrina "TruLuv" Robinson a leader of Urban Pride INC., whose mission is to continue to work in partnership with the City of Chicago and surrounding areas building alliances and educating LGBTQ youth about the rich history of LGBTQ+ communities and advocating for support from all who value diversity and unifying the culture, and

WHEREAS, Katrina "Truluv" Robinson, has vowed to continue to provide public workshops, panel discussions, Black LGBTQ film and cultural festivals, fundraisers, town hall meetings, health and wellness forums, free and confidential HIV and STI testing to meet the needs of LGBTQ+ communities including helping the homeless and senior citizens, and

WHEREAS, Katrina "TruLuv" Robinson was featured in Chicago based House Music Publication 5 Chicago Magazine and appeared on CBS news social media live feed for cohosting LGBTQ memorial dedication to DJ/radio personality Craig "Cannonball" Cannon at the Richard J. Daley Center, and

WHEREAS, Katrina "TruLuv" Robinson is a lifetime member of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority INC., and now is the Founder/President of TRU PHI U FRATERNITY INCORPORATED ALPHA OMEGA CHAPTER, a fraternity that was established for female studs to serve, educate and provide everlasting change in the LGBTQ community by invoking a mission to create a "TRU" Life and bond and to incorporate truth and to be "TRU" to thy own self and others, and

WHEREAS, Katrina "TruLuv" Robinson/ Urban Pride INC was inducted into Chicago LGBTQ Hall of Fame; therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED,** That the City Council of Chicago declares in honor of the 52<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary of the birthday of KATRINA "TRULUV" ROBINSON, that July 24<sup>th</sup>, 2023 shall be declared as "TRINA TRULUV ROBINSON DAY" in the City of Chicago; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** That a suitable copy of this resolution be prepared and presented to KATRINA "TRULUV" ROBINSON.

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