

Resolution Commemorating the 20th Anniversary of Chicago Dragons Rugby Football Club

WHEREAS, The Chicago Dragons Rugby Football Club was formed in 2003 and are the first team in the Midwest to accept openly gay men, and were the first inclusive team in the region to formally join the International Gay Rugby (IGR) organization.

WHEREAS, The Chicago Dragons Rugby Football Club is a Division IV member of the USA Rugby organization, the Midwest Rugby Union (MWRU), and the Chicago Area Rugby Football Union (CARFU), dedicated to competitive play within the division while creating access and opportunities to learn the sport and create community no matter background or experience.

WHEREAS, Chicago Dragons Rugby Football Club's mission is not only to play rugby but also create a welcoming and encouraging learning environment for new players from all walks of life and all parts of the city, fostering a sense of community and acceptance.

WHEREAS, Chicago Dragons proudly represents Chicago, with their Chicago-flag adorned jerseys, at local, national, and international competitions as far as Sydney, Australia.

WHEREAS, Chicago Dragons is a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization, a designation that allows them to receive donations that further enable them to promote inclusivity and expand their reach within the community.

BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the Mayor and members of the Chicago City Council, assembled here on this 1st day of November, 2023, do hereby honor and congratulate Chicago Dragons Rugby Football Club.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this Resolution be prepared and presented to the Chicago Dragons Rugby Football Club as a symbol of our esteem and respect.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'LH', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Leni Manaa-Hoppenworth
Alderwoman, 48th Ward