

# A resolution

adopted by

The City Council

of the

City of Chicago, Illinois



Presented by ALDERMAN WALTER BURNETT, JR. on May 22, 2024

Resolution to Support the Movement on “Stop North Korea Human Rights Violations”

**WHEREAS**, all human beings have unalienable human rights to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness; and

**WHEREAS**, people in North Korea are subject to many types of human rights violations committed by their own government and others that support North Korea as noted in the General Assembly Resolution adopted by the United Nations on December 19, 2023. (<https://seoul.ohchr.org/en/node/547>); and

**WHEREAS**, the Korean American Friendship Network chaired by Ann S. Jhin and the Chicago Chapter of the Peaceful Unification Advisory Council chaired by Gil Young Kim are strongly in favor of the fundamental human rights for the citizens of the world; and

**WHEREAS**, they particularly support for common North Koreans to enjoy the freedom of expression, religion, movement, knowledge, choice, etc. and be free from the fear of false imprisonments, tortures, forced labor, starvation, political prosecutions; and

**WHEREAS**, North Korean government should allow its own people to enjoy the fundamental human rights; and

**WHEREAS**, Chinese government should classify North Korean defectors who cross into China as refugees and not to repatriate them to North Korea but send them to South Korea; and

**WHEREAS**, North Korean government should allow the mutual visits between the separated families living in North Korea and the U.S; and

**WHEREAS**, North Korean government should abandon the nuclear weapon and missile development programs, reduce unprovoked fearmongering, and strive for the greater peace and prosperity with the international community; and

**WHEREAS**, the support for North Korean refugees who reside in the U.S. is needed

**BE IT RESOLVED**, The Chicago City Council hereby recognizes and commends the efforts of the Korean American Friendship Network and the Chicago Chapter of the Peaceful Unification Advisory Council in fighting against human rights violations committed by North Korean government toward its own citizens.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Walter Burnett, Jr.", written over a horizontal line.

Walter Burnett, Jr.  
Vice Mayor/Alderman, 27<sup>th</sup> Ward