

**SALUTE TO SOUL VEG CITY ON THE OCCASION OF THE 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY  
OF THE HEBREW ISRAELITES CELEBRATION OF NEW WORLD PASSOVER**

WHEREAS Soul Veg City, this city's premiere vegan restaurant on East 75<sup>th</sup> Street, will host the 50th anniversary celebration of New World Passover in Chicago at Hale Franciscan High School on South Cottage Grove Avenue, marking an inaugural celebration here after five decades of this event being held in Dimona, Israel; and

WHEREAS, New World Passover is the annual celebration of the Hebrew Israelite community, commemorating the historic exodus from America in 1967. This community's milestone event was first observed in 1974, and 2024 marks its golden anniversary; and

WHEREAS New World Passover acknowledges the pioneering journey of the first African Hebrew Israelites who returned to Israel, the Promised Land, more than 50 years ago, reaffirming their cultural and historical heritage; and

WHEREAS Prince Asiel Ben Israel, the late founder of Soul Veg City, and a trailblazer, will be recognized at New World Passover for his significant contributions as one of the original Hebrew Israelites and for establishing Chicago's first vegan restaurant, Soul Veg City, which continues to attract global visitors 43 years later; and

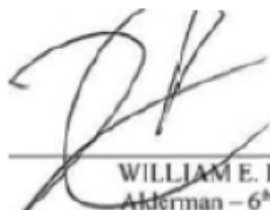
WHEREAS New World Passover is a festive time to give thanks for blessing the Hebrew Israelite community with the leadership of the anointed son and servant, Ben Ammi, whose 45-second vision in 1966 provided the inspiration and guidance for the community's deliverance and ongoing accomplishments; and

WHEREAS the inaugural Chicago event will be a celebration of Hebrew Israelite culture with attendees from across the country, providing an opportunity to engage and educate local residents about the community's culture and community-focused endeavors; and

WHEREAS the Honorable William E. Hall, Alderman of the 6<sup>th</sup> Ward, has apprised this august body of the Hebrew Israelite community's seminal milestone event; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that we, the mayor and members of the City of Chicago City Council, gathered this 12<sup>th</sup> day of June 2024, do hereby extend our congratulations to Soul Veg City for its celebration of the historic 50th anniversary of New World Passover, and express our admiration for the rich heritage and many contributions of the Hebrew Israelite community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this resolution be prepared and presented to Arel Ben Israel, CEO of Soul Veg City.

  
WILLIAM E. HALL  
Alderman – 6<sup>th</sup> Ward