

TRIBUTE TO THE LIFE OF PAUL STEVEN GREGOIRE

WHEREAS, on Tuesday, May 21, 2024, God in His infinite wisdom granted eternal peace to Paul Steven Gregoire, an outstanding public servant, loving father, and a pillar of his community; and

WHEREAS Paul Steven Gregoire started his life's journey in this city on March 14, 1960, as the fourth eldest of five children born to the union of Edward and Dolores Gregoire. He was preceded in death by his loving parents, his brothers Rene' and Edward "Greg" Jr., as well as his sister Aleda; and

WHEREAS Paul grew up in the Chatham community, where he developed strong familial bonds with his siblings, cousins, and close friends, earning the nickname "Bear" from his brother Rene'. He attended Catholic institutions for his elementary education and graduated from Kenwood Academy High School in 1978. Later, he obtained a bachelor's and master's degrees in law enforcement administration from Calumet College of St. Joseph; and

WHEREAS Paul served the citizens of Chicago with honor and dedication as a member of the Chicago Police Department, beginning as a Patrolman in 1986, rising to Detective in 1996, and then to Sergeant in 2004, earning numerous departmental awards and commendations throughout his 30 years of service; and

WHEREAS Paul met and married Jayvonne McGee in the summer of 1991, and together they celebrated the birth of their daughter, Alexandria Marie, in 1992, followed by the birth of Maya Jocelyn nine years later. He was a devoted father who instilled in his daughters the values of excellence, hard work, loyalty, dedication to family, and took immense pride in their educational achievements; and

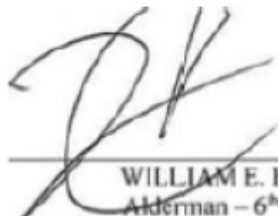
WHEREAS, after retiring, Paul enjoyed travel with family and friends, including memorable trips to Dubai and Abu Dhabi, and frequently visits to Houston, where he spent time with Alex and Jayvonne. Paul cherished his relationship with his last beloved sibling, Jocelyn "Jojo" Gregoire, making it a point to speak with her daily; and

WHEREAS Paul's life and memory will continue to shine in the hearts of all the many family, friends and acquaintances who knew and loved him, embodying the words of Muhammad Ali, "Don't count the days. Make the days count"; and

WHEREAS the Honorable William E. Hall, Alderman of the 6th Ward, has apprised this august body of the passing of this outstanding First-Responder and valued member of his community; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that we, the mayor and members of the City of Chicago City Council, assembled this 12th day of June 2024, do hereby express our greatest respect for the life and legacy of Paul Steven Gregoire, extend our deepest condolences to his family, and honor his dedicated service to the City of Chicago.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this resolution be prepared and presented to the family of Paul Steven Gregoire.


WILLIAM E. HALL
Alderman - 6th Ward