

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Phil Martini, the beloved park supervisor at Indian Boundary Park Cultural Center, is retiring after 33 years of service to the Park District, the residents of West Ridge, and all the citizens of the City of Chicago; and

WHEREAS, Phil Martini has been a dedicated park professional, cultural steward, choreographer, dancer, and teacher at the Chicago Park District, continuing a legacy of providing arts opportunities in Chicago's parks; and

WHEREAS, Phil Martini has been a lifelong friend of dance and the arts, performing in local dance companies Chicago Dance Medium and Mordean and Company, serving on the board of Columbia College's dance program, teaching Ballet, Yoga, and Modern Dance for years, and offering theatre camps featuring plays such as "shark-nado"; and

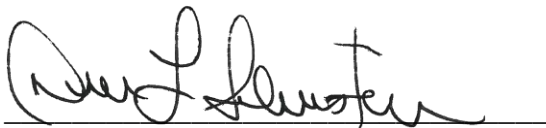
WHEREAS, Phil Martini has fostered a tremendous creative spirit at Indian Boundary Park Cultural Center, hosting unique programming, such as the silent movie series and do-it-yourself Nutcracker, supporting partnerships and events to incubate artist work, and revealing creative practices to his neighbors and students; and

WHEREAS, Phil Martini has served as a cultural advocate and advisor to staff across the Park District, being honored as an Anacheza Awardee at the Chicago Park District Community Rhythms Celebration of Dance, producing and performing in skate shows at McFetridge Sports Center, and serving as a cast and production member for several Park District Halloween events, including Witches of Waveland, Trails of Terror, and Blackhawk Park Haunted House; and

WHEREAS, Phil Martini is a member of numerous park committees and has brought his unique vision to bear in the development of arts partnership programs, citywide competitions, and the rebuilding of the historic Indian Boundary Park fieldhouse after a devastating fire; and

WHEREAS, Phil Martini is beloved for his humor, cultural expertise, and generosity to the creative community through his decades of service to the Chicago Park District at Indian Boundary, Berger Park, McFetridge Sports Center, Lincoln Park Cultural Center, and Warren Park; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the Mayor and members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, assembled this seventh day of November, 2023, do hereby express our heartiest appreciation to Phil Martini on his years of service to the City of Chicago and its citizens.



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