

**RESOLUTION HONORING THE 90th ANNIVERSARY OF THE GRANT PARK MUSIC FESTIVAL, CARLOS KALMAR'S 25th AND VALEDICTORY SEASON AS PRINCIPAL CONDUCTOR, AND PROCLAIMING JUNE 12, 2024 "GRANT PARK MUSIC FESTIVAL DAY" IN CHICAGO.**

**WHEREAS**, civic leaders established the Grant Park Music Festival as a free, world-class concert series to uplift Chicagoans in 1935, during the Great Depression; and

**WHEREAS**, 90 years later, the Grant Park Music Festival continues to delight, inspire, and serve as a community gathering place for all Chicagoans; and

**WHEREAS**, the Grant Park Music Festival serves as a key cultural organization at Millennium Park, the Midwest's most visited tourist destination, and will be central to the Park's 20th-Anniversary celebration, featuring *Star Wars and More: the Music of John Williams* and an evening with award-winning Chicago-native Common performing with the Grant Park Orchestra; and,

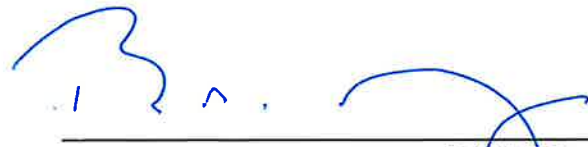
**WHEREAS**, the Grant Park Music Festival now offers more than 200 free events between June 12 and August 17 at the Jay Pritzker Pavilion, as well as parks and community spaces across the City; and

**WHEREAS**, the Festival commemorates its historic 90th season with a celebration of the 25-year tenure of Artistic Director and Principal Conductor Carlos Kalmar, whose unparalleled artistry, vision, and leadership have advanced downtown Chicago as a premiere summertime destination; and

**WHEREAS**, the Grant Park Music Festival is a leader in music education in Chicago, offering a day-camp for the City's youngsters, master classes for area music students, performance opportunities for students from local music schools, and an acclaimed fellowship for young, professional musicians from diverse backgrounds; and

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that we, the Mayor and members of the City of Chicago City Council, assembled this 12th day of June, 2024 A.D., do hereby commend the Grant Park Music Festival for its efforts to enrich, enlighten and uplift all of Chicago's residents and guests by presenting free, world-class classical music concerts; honors the Festival on the occasion of its 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary; and declares Wednesday, June 12, 2024 "Grant Park Music Festival Day" in Chicago; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that an official copy of this resolution be prepared and presented to Grant Park Music Festival.

  
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BRENDAN REILLY  
Alderman, 42nd Ward