

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, May 17, 2024 marks the 70th Anniversary of the Brown vs. Board of Education Decision, providing an extraordinary occasion to celebrate a change in attitude and conditions of bias that had previously excluded African Americans from securing the blessing of liberty through education; and,

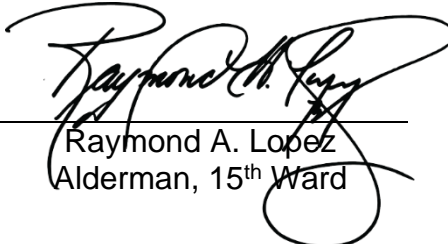
WHEREAS, Th Brown Decision paved the way for American-born African Americans to have Civil Rights and the human right to perform basic life functions without emotional damage caused by forced and continuous segregation; and,

WHEREAS, It was determined that the trauma inflicted upon African American children prior to the Brown Decision caused both mental and physical damage to the segregated youth that forced victims of segregation to become victimizers within their respective communities; and,

WHEREAS, *Sounds of Freedom Undoing Bias Day* Chicago was first declared in 1994 by then Members of the City Council Alderman Madeline Haithcock (2nd), Alderman Lorrain Dixon (8th), Ald. Arenda Troutman (20th), Ald. Billy Ocasio (26th), and Ald. Dexter Watson (27th) as an appropriate opportunity to resurrect the self-respect and dignity of the American descendants of Slaves; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO, That we, the Mayor and Members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, gathered here this 17th Day of April, 2024, do hereby recognize the 70th Anniversary of the Brown vs. Board of Education Decision; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO, That May 17th be redesignated as *Sounds of Freedom Undoing Bias Day* in the City of Chicago.



Raymond A. Lopez
Alderman, 15th Ward