

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, On July 30, 2023, the icons, legends, and pioneers of the Stepping community will be honored for their lifetime achievement in the art of stepping at the Hotter Than July Haute Couture Runway Fashion Show and Steppers Recognition Awards; and

WHEREAS, The Chicago City Council has been informed of this occasion by the Honorable Jason C. Ervin, Alderman of the 28th Ward; and

WHEREAS, The excellence of Chicago-Style Stepping – which has earned the City the nickname the “Mecca of Stepping” and has been featured in *Vogue* – is more than just a dance; it is an expression of cultural identity, a celebration of community, and a form of artistic excellence; and

WHEREAS, Award-winning members of the Chicago stepping community have shared their passion and talents at universities from Morehouse College to Boston University; and

WHEREAS, Over the years, the honorees have dedicated themselves to perfecting their craft, exhibiting the highest levels of dedication and discipline, and have inspired countless others to follow in their footsteps, spreading the joy of stepping to new generations of dancers; and

WHEREAS, Chicago Stepping has served as a bridge between parts of the City often divided by gang tensions and violence; and

WHEREAS, The tireless commitment of the stepping community has made an indelible impact on Chicago’s culture, transforming the way we move and express ourselves on the dance floor – now professional competitions take place across the country, but it is in Chicago, where the heart and soul of the dance reside; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the Mayor and members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, gathered here this twenty-first day of June, 2023, do hereby honor the contributions of the Chicago Stepping community that continues to impact the legacy of Chicago Stepping; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented at the award ceremony.



JASON C. ERVIN
Alderman, 28th Ward