

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Lesbian Visibility Week celebrates the vibrant diversity and contributions of lesbian, queer, and nonbinary individuals within our community; and

WHEREAS, the official theme of the 2024 Lesbian Visibility Week is "Unified, Not Uniform," emphasizing the importance of unity while recognizing and uplifting the unique experiences of all LGBTQ+ women and nonbinary people; and

WHEREAS, Lesbian Visibility Week seeks to amplify the voices of those who are most marginalized within our LGBTQ+ community, ensuring that their stories are heard and their experiences acknowledged; and

WHEREAS, lesbian, queer, and nonbinary individuals have played a critical role in the State's history, including those who have passed on: Jane Addams, Lorraine Hansberry, Margaret Anderson, Jane Heap, Pearl M. Hart, Valerie Taylor, Jeannette Howard Foster, Ruth Ellis, Renee Hanover, Marge Summit, Marie J. Kuda, Pat Logue, Vernita Gray, Peg Grey, E. Kitch Childs, Jackie Anderson, Hollis Sigler, Renae Ogletree, Joanne Trapani, Marcia Lipetz, Arlene Halko, Mary York, Christina Santiago, Lisa Tonna, Paula Walowitz, Diana Rodriguez, Lauren Verdich; and

WHEREAS, key Illinois organizations have documented and helped the lesbian community, including Lavender Woman, Lesbian Community Cancer Project, Amigas Latinas, Affinity Community Services, Executive Sweet, Gerber/Hart Library, The Legacy Project, Outlines, and Windy City Times newspaper; and

WHEREAS, Lesbian Visibility Week USA is powered by The Curve Foundation, the only national nonprofit organization dedicated to championing lesbian, queer women, transgender, and nonbinary people's stories and culture through intergenerational programming and community building; and

WHEREAS, the City of Chicago is committed to fostering a diverse, inclusive, and equitable environment where all individuals are celebrated for their authentic selves; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the Mayor and the Members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, assembled this seventeenth day of April, 2024, do hereby designate April 22-28, 2024, as Lesbian Visibility Week in Chicago, and encourage all Chicagoans to join in recognizing the accomplishments and resilience of lesbian, queer, and nonbinary individuals, and to support efforts to create a more inclusive society for all.