CELEBRATING THE RETIREMENT OF CHICAGO POLICE DETECTIVE CAROL MARESSO

WHEREAS, I, Alderman Nicole T. Lee, on behalf of the residents of the City of Chicago and my fellow colleagues of the Chicago City Council, inform this august body of the retirement of Detective Carol Maresso from the Chicago Police Department; and

WHEREAS, Detective Carol Maresso #20183 retired on July 7, 2023, after twenty-nine years of service with honor and distinction, displaying professionalism, compassion and an unwavering commitment to the Chicago Police Department motto "to serve and protect;" and

WHEREAS, On July 5, 1994, Detective Carol Maresso began her career with the Chicago Police Department as an officer, working tirelessly for the benefit of the residents of the City of Chicago, protecting life and property from harm, ensuring more healthy and vibrant communities in the 10th District, Public Housing South, and the 12th District and throughout the City of Chicago; and

WHEREAS, On July 6, 2001, Officer Carol Maresso was promoted to the rank of Detective serving in Area Four and Area One Detective Divisions, where she was called upon to use her communication and critical thinking skills and expertise in conducting specialized investigative work, while maintaining her professionalism, impartiality, and empathy and compassion for victims and family members; and

WHEREAS, Detective Carol Maresso has earned the following awards throughout her career with the Chicago Police Department:

Two Annual Bureau Awards of Recognition
Two Special Commendations
Twenty-one Department Commendations
Twenty-two Honorable Mentions
Joint Operations Award
Four Unit Meritorious Performance Awards
Attendance Recognition Awards
2004 Crime Reduction Award
2009 Crime Reduction Award
2019 Crime Reduction Award
2012 NATO Summit Service Award
Presidential Election Deployment Award
1996 Democratic National Convention Service Award

Four Complimentary Letters; and

WHEREAS, Detective Carol Maresso grew up in the Chicago Lawn neighborhood and attended St.Nicholas of Toletine School and Maria High School where she excelled academically; and

WHEREAS, Detective Carol Maresso is a loving and caring mother to Gianna and Dominic Schaaf, to whom she is deeply devoted and looking forward to spending even more time with upon retirement. Along with spending time with family and friends, Detective Carol Maresso hopes to take road trips throughout the country and a much-deserved trip to Italy; and

WHEREAS, Colleagues, friends, and family joyfully gathered on August 19, 2023, in celebration of the commitment, dedication, and bravery of Detective Carol Maresso in fulfilling her duties to the Chicago Police Department and the City of Chicago; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the Mayor, and the members of the City Council of

the City of Chicago, gathered here this fourteenth day of September 2023, do hereby in acknowledgement of the sacrifices made, express our gratitude and heartfelt appreciation to Detective Carol Maresso on her twenty-nine years of dedicated service to the City of Chicago and wish her health and happiness in her retirement; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That a suitable copy of this resolution be prepared and presented to Detective Carol Maresso.

NICOLE T. LEE

Alderperson, 11th Ward