

RESOLUTION

Congratulations extended to the Chicago Northwest Lions Club on their 100th anniversary

WHEREAS, Chicago is the birthplace of Lions Clubs International, founded by Melvin Jones in 1917; and

WHEREAS, a group of Chicago Northwest side local businessmen came together in the fall of 1923 to join this wave of service-minded community organizing and created the Chicago Northwest Lions Club; and

WHEREAS, The Chicago Northwest Lions Club has consistently been an active member of the Northwest Side community originally servicing the area of North and Pulaski. Sociological changes within our city led them to relocate their service area several times to the Belmont Central area and finally to the Norwood Park area. Over the years, they met at the Normanian Singing Society Hall in Logan Square, restaurants, and the Norwood Crossing Senior Living Facility; and

WHEREAS The Chicago Northwest Lions Club over the years built a recreation building on North Avenue only to lose it during the depression, Sponsored the Northwest Lioness Club and a Leo Club at Schurz High School; and

WHEREAS The Chicago Northwest Lions Club are members of the Norwood Park Chamber of Commerce; sponsors free mobile hearing and eye retinopathy screening units; participates in area health fairs; sponsored little leagues and created a Special Athletic Challenge (SAC), originally started by the Lioness Club, giving individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities the opportunity to participate in team sports; sponsored Easter parties for the neighborhood children at a local theater; sponsored bingo nights for residents at Norwood Crossing and Bethesda Nursing Homes; and

WHEREAS, The Chicago Northwest Lions Club has provided direct assistance to countless area residents over the years, from providing food baskets to families in need to helping current residents obtain hearing aids, glasses, eye prophesizes and guide dogs. The clubs has also donated to neighborhood organizations such as Foreman High School Blind Program, Neumann Family Services, Local Boy Scout programs, Lions of Illinois Foundation and Lion Clubs International Foundation; and

WHEREAS, The Chicago Northwest Lions Club supports their charitable giving by holding a Corn Beef and Cabbage Dinner Dance Fundraising event, which has over the years become a hallmark of this club. Over the years they have also held flea markets, participated in Candy Day, Football Mania and Casino Nights; and

WHEREAS, The Chicago Northwest Lions Club fulfills the Lions Club International Mission to improve health and well-being, strengthen communities, and support those in need through humanitarian services, and encourage peace and understanding; and

WHEREAS, The Chicago Northwest Lions Club continues to rise to Helen Keller's 1925 challenge to become "Knights of the Blind in the crusade against darkness," now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the members of the City Council of Chicago assembled this twenty-first day of June, 2023 do hereby:

- (1) Congratulate the Chicago Northwest Lions Club on its 100th anniversary
- (2) Recognize the Chicago Northwest Lions Club for 100 years of promoting community service and humanitarian assistance,
- (3) Encourage the Chicago Northwest Lions Club to continue to emphasize the values of community service and improving our community for all residents.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Carlos Ramirez-Rosa". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Carlos Ramirez-Rosa

Alderman, 35th Ward