## MEMORIAL RESOLUTION CELEBRATING THE BEAUTIFUL LIFE OF BRENT R. HAMLET

**WHEREAS,** Brent R. Hamlet, educator, community organizer, and life coach, has made his transition on Sunday, September 24, 2023; and

**WHEREAS,** The Chicago City Council has been informed of Brent's passing by the Honorable Stephanie D. Coleman, Alderman of the 16th Ward, and the Honorable Jeanette B. Taylor, Alderman of the 20th Ward; and

**WHEREAS,** Brent pursued a personal mission of positively impacting youth and families at a very young age by managing and advocating for middle school aged students and their families in the Explore group; and

**WHEREAS,** Brent had more than 10 years of experience working in the community and committed himself to an abolitionist pedagogy, working with underserved families in a variety of settings, most recently directing and designing after-school enrichment programs on the South Side; and

**WHEREAS**, Brent received his Bachelor of Art in History from Alcorn State University and was working to complete his Master of Art in School Counseling from Chicago State University; and

**WHEREAS,** Brent was a Fellow with Chicago United for Equity and was recently elected Vice Chairman of the Policy Steering Committee with Workers Center for Racial Justice; and

**WHEREAS,** Brent and his unwavering dedication to his community serve have shown us the type of impact one person can have, and his message of radical love and understanding will continue to serve as a beacon of hope in the face of adversity; now, therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED,** That we, the Mayor and members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, gathered here this first day of November, 2023, do hereby extend our most heartfelt condolences to the family and friends of Brent R. Hamlet; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** That a suitable copy of this resolution be prepared and presented to the family of Brent R. Hamlet as a sign of our honor and respect.

TEPHANIE D. COLEMAN Alderman, 16th Ward

JEANETTE B. TAYLOR Alderman, 20th Ward