

## RECOGNITION AND HONOR EXTENDED TO MILTON CORONADO

**WHEREAS:** Milton Coronado, native of Chicago/Berwyn community is a recognized community leader, published author, minister, public speaker, actor, and impactful versatile artist and,

**WHEREAS:** Milton Coronado impressed his grammar school officials as a student at Hiawatha Elementary School and painted his first work at 12 out of teen frustration and rebellion which lead him to winning the yearbook cover contest for a drawing Hiawatha Indians logo and,

**WHEREAS:** Milton Coronado at 14 after a near death experience began to tag graffiti art all over the city of Chicago which eventually lead him to the church in Berwyn neighborhood and,

**WHEREAS:** Milton Coronado begin attending BERWYN HISPANIC SEVEN DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH and was advised by his pastor Enoch Calderon to use Graffiti art for the Lord. He began working with the church youth programs as a language translator and was elected the church youth director and,

**WHEREAS:** Milton Coronado was eventually elected Youth Director of BERWYN HISPANIC SEVEN DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH in the Illinois Conference Division and won THE EXCEPTIONAL LEADERSHIP AWARD FROM ALL THE SEVEN DAY ADVENTIST CHURCHES IN ILLINOIS and,

**WHEREAS:** Milton Coronado studied art education AMERICAN ACADEMY OF ART CHICAGO and received a Bachelor of Fine Arts Degree and,

**WHEREAS:** Milton Coronado, in 2001 adopted the method of “painting through pain” after his father was a victim of gun violence and discovered how he can use his passion for art to share the love of Jesus Christ.

**WHEREAS:** Milton Coronado in 2005 co-founded the Street Art Ministry and,

**WHEREAS:** Milton Coronado in 2006 served as the Dean of Students at Broadview Academy in La Fox, IL and,

**WHEREAS:** Milton Coronado studied theology at FULLER THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY in Pasadena CA, and received a certificate of completion in preaching and deliverance and,

**WHERE AS MILTON CORONADO** became a minister and from 2006-2011 preached sermons at The Hinsdale Fil-Am Seven Day Adventist church in Hinsdale, IL and,

**WHEREAS:** Milton Coronado co-creator of non-profit art group “Gospel Graffiti” where he and others implement art and service towards community transformation and,

**WHEREAS:** Milton Coronado studied education at Phoenix University and,

**WHEREAS:** Milton Coronado in 2019 was awarded the city-wide Hero Teacher Award from The South Shore International College Preparatory High School and,

**WHEREAS: Milton Coronado most recognized masterpieces of art are murals honoring victims of gun violence memorializing them on public walls victims i.e., Marlen Ochoa, Adam Toledo, Melissa Ortega, Azul Mendoza, and Fort Hood Army Soldier Vanessa Guillen, and**

**WHEREAS: Milton Coronado received high honor and worldwide recognition from the dance community when he painted a mural in Chicago's art district Logan Square of The Godfather of Street Dance Adolfo "Shabba-Doo" Quinones and,**

**WHEREAS: Milton Coronado and his artwork have been featured on many local and nationwide news outlets i.e., TELEMUNDO, UNIVISION, WGN, NBC, ABC AND FOX,**

**WHEREAS: Milton Coronado was featured in the acclaimed documentary "Coronado: Tagged for Life" which won "The 2018 Most Inspirational Documentary" at the "Hollywood Devine International Film Festival and received 6 stars on Amazon Prime and currently on airing on Tubi and YouTube and,**

**WHEREAS: Milton Coronado served as an educator for CAASE (Chicago Alliance Against Sexual Exploitation) where he empowers communities to end human trafficking and sexual exploitation and,**

**WHEREAS Milton Coronado known to all as Milt teaches about the powerful influence of Art while inspiring and giving hope to communities transforming lives, and beautifying neighborhoods across many boarders and,**

**WHERAS as Milton Coronado, a brother, father, a teacher, traveling minister and dedicated member of the Clearing Southwest Chicago community overcame many adversities and uses art as therapy to help heal not only himself but also heal the hearts minds and soul to all who have viewed his work and,**

**BE IT RESOLVED, That the City Council of Chicago declares in honor of the 43rd Anniversary of the birthday of MILTON CORONADO, that July 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023 shall be declared as "Artist Milton Coronado Day" in the City of Chicago; and,**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED. That a suitable copy of this resolution be prepared and presented to Milton Coronado.**

*Silvana Tabares*

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