WHEREAS, Lucia E Gutierrez, born on March 28th, 1927, and beloved wife to the late Raymond Gutierrez Sr, passed away on May 30th, 2024. Dearest mother of the late Rosemarie Sierra, Maryjane Andrade, the late Steven Gutierrez, Raymond Gutierrez Jr., the late Gloria Gene Arriaga (late Robert), Judy Anne Villareal (late Paulino), Robert Gutierrez Sr., Richard Gutierrez (Virginia), and the late Peter Gutierrez (Connie); cherished grandmother of twenty-seven; loving great-grandmother of many.

WHEREAS, Lucia, known to many as Lucy, was a longtime resident of the Pilsen neighborhood in the City of Chicago, who made history by being appointed the first Mexican American Committee Woman for the old first ward in the mid-1970’s.

WHEREAS, Lucy was a long time collaborator with Richard J. Daley, Michael Bilandic, Jane Byrne, Harold Washington, Eugene Sawyer, and Richard M. Daley; also worked with Congresswoman Cardiss Collin’s and accomplished many great things for the City of Chicago and the Pilsen Community.

WHEREAS, an avid community activist, Lucy fought tirelessly alongside her late Comadres; Raquel Guerrero, Lydia Romero, Senora Laredo, and Susie Gonzalez. Together they were instrumental in acquiring the El Hogar del Niño daycare center, the Rudy Lozano Library, Benito Juarez High School, and the Lower West Side Health Center.

WHEREAS, she will be missed by her family and forever be remembered as a fighter for justice, warrior for her community and owner of a heart made of pure gold. A Superwoman in every sense of the term, Lucia E Gutierrez, also known as Lucy, Ma Bear, Lancha, and Wella, touched the lives of countless Chicagoans; then so,

BE IT RESOLVED: That we, the Mayor and members of the City of Council of the City of Chicago do hereby honor Lucia E Gutierrez, celebrate her momentous life, thank her for her service to Chicago and Pilsen.

Byron Sigcho-Lopez
Alderman, 25th Ward