## In Commemoration of the Exemplary Service of Police Officer Cheryl Clark

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 Officer Cheryl Clark from the Chicago Police Department; and

WHEREAS, Officer Cheryl Clark will be retiring on September 14, 2023, after twenty-nine years of service with honor and distinction, displaying professionalism, compassion, and an unwavering commitment to the Chicago Police Department motto "We Serve and Protect;" and

WHEREAS, Officer Cheryl Clark has consistently upheld the highest standards of law enforcement, serving as a role model for her colleagues and inspiring trust and confidence among the residents of Chicago, especially in the 9th District where she spent the majority of her career at the Chicago Police Department; and

WHEREAS, Officer Cheryl Clark has exhibited remarkable leadership in various assignments within the police department, serving the 9th District in a series of roles including Abandoned Building Officer, Domestic Violence Officer, Faith Based Officer, Youth Officer and finally Senior Citizens Officer, and

WHEREAS, Officer Cheryl Clark has demonstrated a deep commitment to community engagement and outreach, fostering positive relationships between law enforcement and the citizens of Chicago, thereby contributing to the safety and well-being of our community; and

**WHEREAS**, Officer Cheryl Clark has selflessly placed herself in harm's way to protect our city, and her dedication to public safety has earned her the admiration and respect of her peers, superiors, and the citizens she has sworn to serve and protect; and

WHEREAS, Officer Cheryl Clark, in the course of her career, became a devoted mother to Chaz, and with whom she is looking forward to spending her upon retirement in addition to her family and friends;

**WHEREAS**, Officer Cheryl Clark, in her retirement, leaves behind a legacy of service that will be remembered and cherished by the Chicago Police Department—with special affection from the community of the 9th District;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That we—the Mayor and the members of the City Council of the City of Chicago—express our gratitude and heartfelt appreciation to Officer Cheryl Clark on her twenty-nine years of dedicated service to the City of Chicago and wish her health and happiness in her well-deserved retirement; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this City Council recognizes Officer Cheryl Clark's enduring contributions to the safety and security of our community and acknowledges her as a true exemplar of the values and principles that our city holds dear; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this resolution be presented to Officer Cheryl Clark in a public ceremony, with a copy to be retained in the archives of the Chicago City Council as a lasting testament to her distinguished service and dedication.

NICOLE T. LEE Alderperson, 11th Ward