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**OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
CITY OF CHICAGO**

BRANDON JOHNSON
MAYOR

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TO THE HONORABLE, THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith, together with Aldermen Fuentes, Ramirez-Rosa, Lawson, Robinson, Sposato, Knudsen, Reilly, Villegas, Vasquez, Ervin, Rodriguez, Rodriguez-Sanchez, Hopkins, Yancy, Sigcho-Lopez, Chico, Conway, Martin, O'Shea, La Spata, Silverstein, Gutierrez, Gardiner, Waguespack, Dowell and City Clerk Valencia, a resolution celebrating Disability Pride Month.

Your favorable consideration of this resolution will be appreciated.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "BJ Johnson", with a horizontal line extending to the right.

Mayor

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Disability Pride Month is celebrated in July in recognition of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) being signed into law on July 26, 1990; and

WHEREAS, the Chicago Disability Pride Parade is celebrating its 20th anniversary on July 22, 2023; and

WHEREAS, disabilities may be cognitive, developmental, intellectual, mental, physical, sensory, or a combination of multiple factors, and can fall on a spectrum from readily visible to non-visible; and

WHEREAS, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, up to 27 percent of adults in the United States have some type of disability, crossing lines of age, race, color, sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, and socioeconomic status; and

WHEREAS, the ADA prevents discrimination based on disability, requires that employers provide reasonable accommodations, and ensures that public accommodations meet certain accessibility requirements; and

WHEREAS, people with disabilities continue to face barriers, particularly with respect to access to comprehensive and affordable healthcare and employment; and

WHEREAS, throughout the City's history, members of Chicago's disability rights community have been leaders on disability issues, leading to the passage of the ADA, the ADA Amendments Act of 2008, and the United Nations' Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor's Office for People with Disabilities provides programs and services to ensure compliance with federal, state, and local disability rights laws and regulations, prepare people with disabilities for meaningful career opportunities, accessing community resources, promote accessible public transportation, and provide home accessibility modifications for low-income Chicago residents with disabilities, among others; and

WHEREAS, the City is committed to making Chicago a worldclass accessible location on behalf of all residents and visitors with disabilities; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the Mayor and Members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, assembled this nineteenth day of July, 2023, do hereby recognize the month of July as Disability Pride Month in the City of Chicago, and encourage all Chicagoans to celebrate the identities and cultures of people with disabilities and the fierce advocacy of those in the disability rights movement.