

RESOLUTION

Congratulations extended to the Logan Square Lions Club on their 100th anniversary

WHEREAS, Chicago is the birthplace of Lions Clubs International, founded by Melvin Jones in 1917; and

WHEREAS, a group of Logan Square residents and business owners came together in the fall of 1923 to join this wave of service-minded community organizing and created the Chicago Logan Square Lions Club; and

WHEREAS, The Logan Square Lions Club has consistently been an active member of the Logan Square community: they joined efforts to create a YMCA in the neighborhood as early as 1928, helped dedicate the Logan Square post office in 1937, and joined the years-long efforts to create the social service provider Neumann Family Services (which recently merged with Envision Unlimited) to assist people with disabilities. More recently, the Club has supported the Boys & Girls Club and Palenque LSNA, and assisted with food distributions at the DFSS Copernicus Center; and

WHEREAS, three members of the club, Lion Victor C. Neumann, Lion Ted Artz, and Lion Joe Owens in 1955 worked tirelessly in Springfield writing, passing, and getting signed into law by Governor Stratton legislation ensuring that children with disabilities be provided the same funding for education as other children. This later led to the inclusion of children with disabilities in public schools across Illinois; and

WHEREAS, The Logan Square Lions Club has provided direct assistance to countless Logan Square residents over the years, from providing food baskets to families during the Great Depression to helping current residents obtain hearing aids; and

WHEREAS, The Logan Square Lions Club supports their charitable giving by holding an annual Murder Mystery fundraising event, which has over the years become a hallmark of this club; and

WHEREAS, The Logan Square Lions Club fulfills the Lions Club International Mission to improve health and well-being, strengthen communities, and support those in need through humanitarian services, and encourage peace and understanding; and

WHEREAS, The Logan Square Lions Club continues to rise to Helen Keller's 1925 challenge to become "Knights of the Blind in the crusade against darkness," now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the members of the City Council of Chicago assembled this twenty-first day of June, 2023 do hereby:

- (1) Congratulate the Logan Square Lions Club on its 100th anniversary
- (2) Recognize the Logan Square Lions Club for 100 years of promoting community service and humanitarian assistance,

(3) Encourage the Logan Square Lions Club to continue to emphasize the values of community service and improving our community for all residents.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Carlos Ramirez-Rosa". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Carlos Ramirez-Rosa
Alderman, 35th Ward