

**MEMORIAL RESOLUTION CELEBRATING  
THE LIFE OF MIRIAM NATAL**

**WHEREAS**, Miriam Natal, beloved wife, mother, grandmother and member of the community, passed away on June 5, 2023 at 67; and

**WHEREAS**, The Chicago City Council has been informed of Miriam's passing by the Honorable Michael D. Rodriguez, Alderman of the 22nd Ward; and

**WHEREAS**, Born in Chicago on September 5, 1955, Miriam (née Lopez) graduated from Holy Name Cathedral Preparatory High School, before embarking on a career in nursing after receiving her Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) certificate from University of Illinois Chicago, and later, her Registered Nurse (RN) certificate from Truman College; and

**WHEREAS**, Miriam constantly looked to improve her skills as a nurse so as to better care for her patients; her caring nature – a balance of firmness and compassion elicited countless cards of gratitude from patients she cared for over the years; and

**WHEREAS**, Along the way, Miriam met Jose Natal, who was quickly taken by her beauty; the two fell in love and would marry on October 11, 1985, and renewed their vows in 1990 to have their marriage blessed by the Church; and

**WHEREAS**, A constant believer in Christianity, requests for help and other needs from her church always tugged at her heart; you name it, she helped with it in any way she could – whether digging the last dollar out of her purse for a person in need or collecting anything that could be reused by a church, a non-profit, or simply a friend in need; and

**WHEREAS**, In addition to her deep sense of caring and compassion, Miriam was a “firecracker” on a mission to do the right thing and often intervened and prevented robberies, muggings, and bullying in the neighborhood; and

**WHEREAS**, Miriam intensely loved her family; she and Jose would spend hours and hours discussing how to care for their children, siblings, and parents, and whether she was right or wrong, she always brought a deep sense of genuine concern and compassion for her family; and

**WHEREAS**, When she wasn't caring for others, Miriam could often be seen “dressed to a T” and loved shopping for hours; and

**WHEREAS**, In November 2022, Miriam suffered a stroke that left her unable to move or speak, but even through the last months of her life, she continued to love and be loved, communicating with Jose through held hands and caressed foreheads; and

**WHEREAS**, Miriam is survived by her loving husband, Jose; her beloved children, Nancy, Ruben, Marco, Melinda, and Salvatore; and her brother, Hector; and

**WHEREAS**, To know Miriam was to love and be loved; she will be missed by all who knew her; now, therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED**, That we, the Mayor and members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, gathered here this twenty-first day of June, 2023, would like to recognize and celebrate the life of Miriam Natal; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That a suitable copy of this resolution be prepared and presented to the family of Miriam Natal as a sign of our honor and respect.



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MICHAEL D. RODRIGUEZ  
Alderman, 22nd Ward