## RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, SPAAN Tech Inc. celebrates its 25th anniversary, a tremendous milestone that speaks to the business' immense contributions to architecture and engineering, facility management, program management, people development, economic prosperity and building stronger communities across the City of Chicago; and

**WHEREAS**, The Chicago City Council has been informed of this occasion by the Honorable Brian Hopkins, Alderman of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Ward; and

WHEREAS, SPAAN Tech Inc. was founded in 1998 by Smita N. Shah — a professional engineer, first generation American and pioneering woman-founder in the male-dominated construction management and engineering field — who, at 24 years old, set out to build a firm that would make a positive impact on Chicagoland infrastructure by providing sustainable solutions in transportation, aviation, water, energy, and technology across public and private projects; and

WHEREAS, Having played a major role in projects with Commonwealth Edison Company (ComEd), Chicago Housing Authority, Chicago Transit Authority, Great Lakes Naval Base, O'Hare International Airport, Midway International Airport, University of Chicago, United States Department of Energy, and more, SPAAN Tech Inc. has become a leading award-winning firm recognized for its strength in addressing complex infrastructure problems; and

WHEREAS, SPAAN Tech Inc. Founder, President & CEO Smita N. Shah has been a notable force in Chicago's civic, nonprofit and political landscape, leveraging her position to bolster Chicago's reputation as a global business hub and create accessible opportunities for Chicagoans of all backgrounds to thrive through her involvement with the President's Advisory Commission on Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians and Pacific Islanders; World Business Chicago; City of Chicago Plan Commission; Chicago Sister Cities International; After School Matters; Museum of Science and Industry, Chicago; Environmental Law & Policy Center; Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital; and beyond; and

**WHEREAS**, SPAAN Tech Inc. is poised to continue leaving its mark on Chicago's buildings, roadways, waterways, and runways, the careers of the teams and workforce who execute this work and the future of the community the firm calls home; now, therefore,

**BE IT RESOLVED**, That we, the Mayor and members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, gathered here this fourth day of October, 2023, do hereby honor SPAAN Tech Inc. on its 25th anniversary and extend to it our best wishes for further growth and success for another 25 years and beyond, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to SPAAN Tech Inc. as a sign of the City's appreciation for the company and its Founder's contributions and service.

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Brian Hopkins Alderman, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ward