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**RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Chicago is a city of neighborhoods, and, in 1993, the City Council designated the official 77 community areas of the City; and

**WHEREAS**, the name of our community area, Douglas, for Stephen A. Douglas, has long been associated with a figure whose legacy is intertwined with the painful history of slavery; and

**WHEREAS**, history has shown us the importance of acknowledging and rectifying the wrongs of the past to build a more inclusive and equitable future; and

**WHEREAS**, we, the residents of this community, believe in the fundamental principles of justice, equality, and the recognition of human dignity; and

**WHEREAS**, Frederick Douglass, a champion of liberty, justice, and human rights, represents values that better reflect our community's aspirations; now, therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO:**

**SECTION 1.** The foregoing recitals are incorporated herein and made a part hereof.

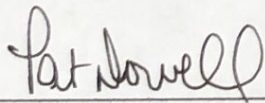
**SECTION 2.** In accordance with 65 ILCS 5/8-3-19, the City Council of the City of Chicago hereby initiates and authorizes the following referendum question to be submitted to the voters of the 3, 7, 18, 20, 22, 23 and 26 precincts of the 3rd Ward and the 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23 and 24 precincts of the 4th Ward within City of Chicago at the next election occurring March 19, 2024:

Shall the City of Chicago change the name of the "Douglas" Community Area, named in honor of Stephen A. Douglas who has long been associated with the painful history of slavery, to the "Douglass" Community Area, in honor of Frederick Douglass, a champion of liberty, justice, and human rights?

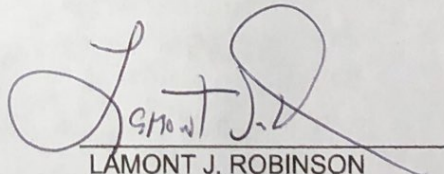
- Yes
- No

**SECTION 3.** The City Clerk of the City of Chicago shall certify the referendum question referenced herein to the Chicago Board of Election Commissioners in accordance with Article 28 of the Election Code.

**SECTION 4.** This resolution shall be in full force and effect upon its passage.



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Alderman, 3rd Ward



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