

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, Raydell Lacey has been called home to eternal life by the wisdom of God for her eternal reward on April 17, 2024 at the age of 68; and,

WHEREAS, The Members of the Chicago City Council have been informed of her passing by the Honorable Raymond A. Lopez, Alderman of the 15th Ward, the Honorable Stephanie Coleman, Alderwoman of the 16th Ward, the Honorable David Moore, Alderman of the 17th Ward, the Honorable Jeanette Taylor, Alderwoman of the 20th Ward, and the Honorable William Hall, Alderman of the 6th Ward; and,

WHEREAS, Ms. Lacey, born to parents Samuel Hanchett and Delores Lacey on July 6, 1955, was preceded in death by her siblings Rochelle Lacey, Jacqueline Lacey, and Ruby Crawford, and her beloved daughter Elonda Lacey and grandson Erick Lacey Jr; and,

WHEREAS, The living legacy of Raydell Lacey lives on through the hearts, minds and memories of her surviving siblings Nedra Lacey, Beverly Boyce, Patrice Lacey, Vernon Crawford and Mykhal Crawford alongside her daughters Dominique Thomas and Dakaria Thomas, her sons Erick Lacey and wife April and Raymone Lacey and his wife Krystal, her twenty-eight grandchildren, eighteen great grandchildren, and two great-great grandchildren; and,

WHEREAS, Ms. Lacey held a special place in the hearts of so many friends, associates and colleagues, including Bob Parker and Debrah Neal, as a direct result of the love, resilience and dedication to community service that she not only embodied in all her works but inspired in all that met her; and,

WHEREAS, Early in her professional life, Ms. Lacey, worked for the Foss Park District in Lake County Illinois, allowing her to meet notable individuals such as the late State Representative Eddie Washington. She eventually found her calling in Local 152 as a construction laborer, working as a flagger until she retired in January 2024; and,


WHEREAS, Ms. Lacey was a dedicated community leader and inspiration, founder of Not Before My Parents, an Englewood organization borne of the tragic loss of her daughter Elonda and grandson Erick Jr, dedicated to helping those in need throughout the Chicago Police Department 7th District and greater Englewood Community; and,

WHEREAS, Raydell Lacey's work within the community earned her well-deserved local, national and international recognition as well as countless

mentions and appearances on print media, television news, and online web sourcing and podcasts; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO, That we, the Mayor and Members of the City Council of the City of Chicago gathered here this Twenty-second day of May, 2024, do hereby express our sorrow on the heavenly transition of Raydell Lacey and extend to her family, friends and the greater Englewood community our deepest sympathy for her passing; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO, That suitable copies of this resolution be prepared and presented to the family of Raydell Lacey as a token of honor and respect for a life well lived.



Raymond A. Lopez
Alderman, 15th Ward