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WHEREAS, According to police statistics in Chicago, Black women only make up 16% of the population in the City, but over-index in most categories of crime, with Black women accounting for 1 in 4 victims of certain violent crime; and

WHEREAS, Black women are twice as likely to be fatally shot by an intimate partner than other residents, and younger Black women are at the greatest risk and are nearly three times more likely to be shot and killed by an intimate partner than white women in the same age group; and

WHEREAS, The City of Chicago desires to ensure that every Black woman and girl is safe from violence in the City of Chicago; and

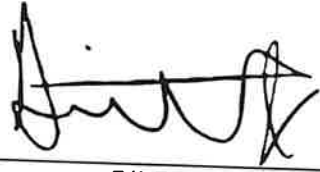
WHEREAS, Black women and girls deserve a venue where they may express their concerns, experiences, and challenges and where recommendations may be developed for programs, policies, and legislation that will improve the quality of life for black women and girls, which will also strengthen families and neighborhoods within the City; and

WHEREAS, This order is a step in addressing the disproportionate violence against Black women in the City of Chicago by studying the cause and making policy recommendations that will address the violence; now, therefore

BE IT ORDERED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO, That the City's gender-based violence task force, pursuant to the authority granted under Section 2-4-120(a) of the Municipal Code of Chicago, and in consultation with representatives of the Chicago Urban League, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, and any applicable City, State, or federal agencies or departments, shall study the causes of the disproportionate levels of violence affecting Black women, and formulate strategies to:

- (1) increase capacity and expertise within City departments to address violence against Black women;
- (2) enhance coordination of prevention and intervention efforts among City departments and with key outside organizations focused on violence against Black women;
- (3) improve law enforcement response to violence against Black women;
- (4) shift cultural norms on what constitutes violence against Black woman and its acceptability;
- (5) collect, analyze, and use data and research to enhance efforts to combat violence against Black women;
- (6) create alternate responses to violence against Black woman outside of the criminal justice system;
- (7) reform policies that perpetuate or create opportunities violence against Black women.

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, That the gender-based violence task force shall prepare a report outlining the findings of the study and recommended strategies, and submit such report to the Mayor, the Committee on Health and Human Relations, and the Committee on Public Safety within 12 months of the passage of this order.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Gilbert Villegas', written over a horizontal line.

GILBERT VILLEGAS
Alderman, 36th Ward