

RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE OF STEVE VALDEZ

WHEREAS, Steven “Big Steve” Paul Valdez, family man and beloved member of his community, died April 5, 2021 at the age of 51; and

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

WHEREAS, A lifelong resident of Little Village, Steve was born March 28, 1970 and was raised on 25th Street and Christiana Ave., before moving to W. 32nd St. and S. Kedvale Ave.; and

WHEREAS, In 1989, Steve married Juanita Reyes and the newlyweds quickly welcomed two children to their union: Steven Jr. and Natalie; he loved his children and his granddaughter Natalie Jean, his pride and joy; and

WHEREAS, Steve always looked out for not only his friends and family, but also his block, commonly calling to check up on his neighbors; everyone in the neighborhood knew if you needed something, you could call Steve; and

WHEREAS, Steve cared deeply for his community, organizing the annual summer block party and other events for the children in the neighborhood, fixing his neighbors' cars or giving them a lift, and plowing their sidewalks in the winter; and

WHEREAS, Despite the shock at Steve's passing, his neighborhood quickly gathered to pay their respects, sharing with his family just how many lives he impacted, sharing stories about his sense of humor and how he would always help find a solution to their problems; and

WHEREAS, Steve leaves behind to cherish his memory his wife Juanita, their two children Steven Jr. and Natalie, his granddaughter Natalie Jean, and his beloved neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, Steve will be sorely missed by all who knew him, but his kindness and compassion will continue on through those whose lives he touched; 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, do hereby honor the life and legacy of Steven Paul Valdez; and

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



MICHAEL D. RODRIGUEZ
Alderperson, 22nd Ward