

## Resolution Honoring Ladies of Virtue

**WHEREAS**, In celebration of Black History Month and Valentine's Day, Ladies of Virtue created their own holiday...LOV DAY! What started off as one day of celebration in 2021 serving 300 girls has now expanded to the entire month of February serving 700 girls in Chicago; and

**WHEREAS**, Over the last 12 years, Ladies of Virtue's award-winning mentoring program have empowered girls, 9 to 18, to become confident and purpose driven leaders. They match their participants with mentors and prepare them for leadership in three ways: character building, career readiness and civic engagement; and

**WHEREAS**, After graduating from high-school, participants are mentored and supported for six additional years as LOV 4 Life alumni. Ladies of Virtue have served over 2,000 girls and their families through in and out of school programming, conferences, and community events; and

**WHEREAS**, For more than 12 years, LOV has led the charge in empowering Black girls in some of Chicago's most underserved communities on their journeys to becoming confident, purpose-driven leaders through character development, career readiness, and civic engagement; and

**WHEREAS**, Ladies of Virtue is the only organization offering a unique community-based model that integrates culture, one-on-one and group mentoring, leadership development, and mental health support specifically for the needs of Black girls; and

**WHEREAS**, Their impact extends beyond their high-school graduation. We mentor and support our alumni for six additional years to further their development and success; and

**THEREFORE, Be It Resolved**, That the Mayor and members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, do hereby express our sincerest congratulation on LOV's success; and

**Be It Further Resolved** That a suitable copy of this resolution be prepared and presented to the Ladies of Virtue.



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Alderman, 8<sup>th</sup> Ward