

RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING THE 125th ANNIVERSARY OF ST. JOSEPH VILLAGE

WHEREAS, St. Joseph Village Chicago, a senior living community in Avondale, is celebrating 125 years of helping seniors continue their journey with purpose through a healthy lifestyle, social connection, and the highest quality of care; and

WHEREAS, The Chicago City Council has been informed of this milestone by the Honorable Felix Cardona, Jr., Alderman of the 31st Ward; and

WHEREAS, The Franciscan Sisters of Chicago was established in 1894 when a young Polish immigrant – Josephine Dudzik, later known as Mother Mary Theresa – came to Chicago and was moved to action by the great need she saw among the city’s aged, infirm, and poor; and

WHEREAS, Seeing these needs firsthand spurred Mother Mary Theresa to form the Franciscan Sisters of Chicago, which in turn would found St. Joseph Home of Chicago, the first Catholic nursing home in the City; for more than 125 years, the Franciscan Sisters of Chicago have dedicated their lives and ministry to education and health care, as well as pastoral and social services, in response to the unmet needs of the underserved and less fortunate; and

WHEREAS, Today, the Franciscan Sisters of Chicago continue Mother Mary Theresa’s mission through Franciscan Ministries, which was established in 1988 to coordinate all of the Sisters’ sponsored ministries and extend its charitable mission; and

WHEREAS, The charitable missions coordinated though Franciscan Ministries include: Franciscan Communities, which offers care, education, and community-based services to seniors; Franciscan Community Services, which provides home- and community-based health care; Franciscan Community Benefit Services, which includes St. Jude House, a family violence prevention shelter, and Madonna Foundation, which provides tuition grants and enrichment programs for young women attending Catholic high schools in the Chicagoland area; and Franciscan Advisory Services, which provides consulting services to other senior care programs; and

WHEREAS, The Franciscan Sisters, through St. Joseph Village Chicago and their other services and programs, uplifts and protects seniors and the underserved, underrepresented, and less fortunate, all in service of their mission to celebrate life and serve with joy; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the Mayor and members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, gathered here this fourth day of October 2023, do hereby commemorate the 125th anniversary of St. Joseph Village Chicago and extend our most heartfelt gratitude for providing generations of seniors with care, connection, comfort, and community; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be prepared and presented to St. Joseph Village Chicago as a sign of our gratitude and respect.



FELIX CARDONA, JR.
Alderman, 31st Ward