

## **RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, The Members of this Chamber are proud and honored to congratulate our dear friend and colleague, Alderman Ariel Reboyas on his twenty years of dedicated and outstanding service to the people of the 30<sup>th</sup> Ward, and the City of Chicago; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Reboyas was born in New York City in 1953. At the age of 12, he and his parents moved to Chicago. Mr. Reboyas attended the University of Illinois at Chicago and graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Education. He was Co-captain of the UIC Flames baseball team; and

**WHEREAS**, Following college, Mr. Reboyas taught at Roberto Clemente High School in Chicago's Humboldt Park neighborhood. Afterwards, Mr. Reboyas began his career with the City of Chicago as a truck driver. His dedication to his job with the City did not go unrecognized and he quickly became an Equipment Dispatcher with the Tank Remediation Program for the Department of Fleet Management; and

**WHEREAS**, Then Mr. Reboyas became an Equipment Coordinator for the Department of Water, where he assisted with design specifications for the Fleet Management Division. Soon afterwards, Mr. Reboyas was promoted to be a Deputy Commissioner at the Department of General Services; and

**WHEREAS**, After his many years of service to the City of Chicago, Mr. Reboyas decided to take the next logical step in his career and run for City Council. In 2003, Mr. Reboyas ran for Alderman of the 30<sup>th</sup> Ward and was successful in defeating the incumbent. He was sworn into office on May 7, 2003; and

**WHEREAS**, Alderman Reboyas has done a magnificent job of improving the lives of the residents of the 30<sup>th</sup> Ward. He is much respected by his constituents who have re-elected him four times. As Chairman of the Immigrant and Refugee Rights committee, he has championed the rights of those who are exceedingly vulnerable. Most recently, Alderman Reboyas served in the City Council committees on Aviation, the Budget and Government Operations, Committees and Rules, Contracting Oversight and Equity, Economic, Capital and Technology Development, Finance, Public Safety, Transportation and Public Way, and Zoning, Landmarks and Building Standards; and

**WHEREAS**, Even with all of his dedicated work for the City of Chicago, Alderman Reboyas has still found the time for his family. Alderman Reboyas and his loving wife of 43 years, Allie, raised two caring children; and

**WHEREAS**, Alderman Reboyas has served in a number of Chicago charities and non-profit organizations, including the Active Transportation Alliance, Test Positive Aware Network's Ride for AIDS Chicago, the Healthy Streets Campaign, as well as local little league baseball and youth football programs. He was also the co-founder of the Northwest Youth Basketball Association and "Maraton San-Juan," an 8K Road Race held in conjunction with the Chicago Puerto Rican Parade; and

**WHEREAS**, Alderman Reboyas has had a long and distinguished career working for the City of Chicago and improving the lives of the residents of the 30<sup>th</sup> Ward. His hard work for the City has set a standard for the City workforce to emulate; now, therefore,

**BE IT RESOLVED**, That we, the Mayor and Members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, assembled this nineteenth day of April 2023, do hereby extend to Alderman Ariel Reboyras, our deepest gratitude and thanks for his many years of exceptional service to the people of Chicago, and our best wishes for continued success in all of his future endeavors; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That a suitable copy of this resolution be prepared and presented to Alderman Ariel Reboyras, as a token of our appreciation and esteem.