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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Deborah Boardman has gone to her eternal reward at the age of 57; and

WHEREAS, The Chicago City Council has been informed of her passing by Alderman Edward M. Burke; and

WHEREAS, A talented Chicago artist and educator, Deborah Boardman was the loving wife for 28 years of Joseph Ferguson; and

WHEREAS, Deborah Boardman was raised in Marblehead, Massachusetts and graduated from Mount Holyoke College; and

WHEREAS, Deborah Boardman married her husband in 1987 in Cambridge, Massachusetts and the following year earned a master's in fine arts degree from Tufts University; and

WHEREAS, Deborah Boardman embarked on a career as an educator and taught painting at the University of Iowa from 1989 to 1994; and

WHEREAS, A resident of the Edgewater community, Deborah Boardman joined the faculty of the School of the Art Institute of Chicago in 1997; and

WHEREAS, Deborah Boardman's 2015 solo exhibition entitled *I Can't Go On, I'll Go On* at the Experimental Sound Studio Gallery in Ravenswood reflected her courageous struggle with breast cancer; and

WHEREAS, Throughout her well-established career as an artist, Deborah Boardman exhibited in a wide range of settings, including the Swasti Gallery and the Chamarajendra Academy of Visual Arts in India, the Heskin Contemporary Art Gallery in New York, the Chicago Cultural Center and the Gahlberg Gallery at the College of DuPage in Glen Ellyn; and

WHEREAS, The hard work, creativity and dedication of Deborah Boardman serve as an example to all; and

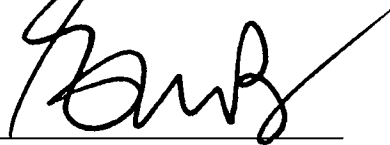
WHEREAS, Her love of life and ability to live it to the fullest endeared Deborah Boardman to her family members, friends and all who knew her, and enabled her to enrich their lives in ways they will never forget; and

WHEREAS, Deborah Boardman was an individual of great integrity and accomplishment who will be dearly missed and fondly remembered by her many relatives, friends and admirers; and

WHEREAS, To her beloved family, Deborah Boardman imparts a legacy of faithfulness, service and dignity; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the Mayor and the members of the Chicago City Council assembled this ninth day of December, 2015 do hereby commemorate Deborah Boardman for her grace-filled life and do hereby express our condolences to her family; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to the family of Deborah Boardman.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Randy', written over a horizontal line.

Alderman - 14th Ward