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Congratulations extended to Diann K. Marsalek on receipt of Lifetime Achievement Award from Italian American Police

Association

**Committee(s) Assignment:** 

## CONGRATULATING DIANN K. MARSALEK ON RECEIVING THE ITALIAN AMERICAN POLICE ASSOCIATION'S LIFETIME ACHIEVMENT AWARD

WHEREAS, Diann K. Marsalek is a judge of the Circuit Court of Cook County, having been appointed by the Illinois Supreme Court in 2011 and elected in 2012. She has served as supervising judge of the First Municipal Traffic Court since 2015. Her previous assignments include the Traffic, Evictions Post Judgment and Torts/Contract Claims courts; and

WHEREAS, As an attorney, she served as a legal adviser to the Illinois Secretary of State, an Assistant Attorney General in the Policy and General Law Divisions of the Office of the Illinois Attorney General, Chief Legal Counsel for the Illinois Department of Corrections, and Deputy Courtroom Clerk for the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Cook County. She graduated from Immaculata High School and earned her bachelor's and master's degrees from DePaul University and her juris doctor from Northern Illinois University College of Law; and

WHEREAS, Judge Marsalek is the president of the Illinois Judges Foundation, a board member of the Illinois Judges Association and a former board member of the Justinian Society of Lawyers. She is the co-chair of the Language Access Sub-Committee formed by the Illinois Supreme Court to identify ways to promote the court system to individuals for whom English is not a first language. She is a member of the Chicago Bar Association, Women's Bar Association, Advocates Society of Polish Lawyers, Justinian Society of Italian Lawyers, Decalogue Society and various other bar associations. Dedicated to developing legal talent, she volunteers at expungement seminars and moot court competitions for law students; and

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WHEREAS, Judge Marsalek was honored as Person of the Year by the Chicago Society in 2012 and Civilian Person of the Year by the Polish American Police in 2015, and she will be honored this year by the Advocates Society of Polish Lawyers in addition to the Italian American Police Association; and

WHEREAS, Judge Marsalek is a the innumerous neighborhood community activities. She started a program to beautify her neighborhood and has donated time to paint equipment and worked on improving local parks. She has worked on numerous events to promote public safety and benefit the neighborhood school. Each year, she coordinates a grade school supply collection drive; and

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WHEREAS, Diann's tireless work on behalf of others should serve as an inspiration to us all. In recognition of work, The Italian American Police Association will award her their Lifetime Achievement Award on November 3, 2018; and

WHEREAS, The Honorable Margaret Laurino, Alderman of the 39<sup>th</sup> Ward, has apprised this august body of the significant honor bestowed upon Diann K. Marsalek; now therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED,** That we, the Mayor and members of the Chicago City Council, gathered here this thirty-first day of October, 2018, do hereby congratulate Diann K. Marsalek on receiving the Italian American Police Association's Lifetime Achievement Award, and extend our very best wishes for her continued success.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** That a suitable copy of this resolution be prepared and presented to Diann Marsalek.

Margaret Laurino

Alderman, 39<sup>th</sup> Ward

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