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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Aida I. Martinez, was born on September 24th, 1957 in the city of Chicago inside a taxi cab on the way to the hospital. Her father's reaction was "she's coming out early" and he wasn't quite prepared to react. Fortunately, the taxi driver was helpful in the delivery; and,

WHEREAS, Her parents, Inocencia and Juan Gomez, had recently moved to Chicago. She was a homemaker already raising an infant daughter. He had just left the US Navy and was working as cook in downtown area hotels. They resided in the Lincoln Park area. Their family expanded to eventually have 3 daughters, including Aida, and one son; and,

WHEREAS, Growing up, Aida became a die-hard Cubs and Blackhawks fan and played sports and excelled in academics; and,

WHEREAS, Aida would reside in Chicago until her teenage years when the family moved back to Puerto Rico for a span of years, but this move was short lived; and,

WHEREAS, Aida and her family came back to Chicago in the late 70's where they continue to reside today. Aida took a job working in a bowling alley, while enrolling in local beauty pageants; and,

WHEREAS, Aida began a family of her own beginning on Christmas Day, 1980 with the arrival of her eldest daughter whom she named after her. This was followed by the arrival of her second child, her son Juan (whom she named after her father) a few days shy of his delivery date, Valentine's Day 1983. He, like his mom, was also an early delivery, or so the joke goes as she tells relatives; and,

WHEREAS, Aida spent much of her time going to school and raising her children. She eventually met her future husband Domingo Martinez and they moved in together to raise all of their children. Domingo had 3 children from previous marriages; and,

WHEREAS, After the children were all school aged, Aida began looking for a job and eventually got hired by the city of Chicago in October of 1995 as a parking enforcement aide. In May 1997, about a year in a half into her job, the Director's Council in the Department of Revenue selected Aida to be there "Employee of the Month." In his justification for nominating Aida for this recognition, Deputy Director Steven Kelso stated, "Aida has one of the highest averages of citations issued among all P.E.A's. During an average week, she issues between 500-600 tickets, which generates revenue of approximately \$20,000.00." He added, "In a difficult job where employees are subjected to a great deal of verbal abuse from citizens, Aida always maintained a pleasant and professional demeanor," and,

WHEREAS, Aida continued to work with the same productive performance and dedication within the city of Chicago for the next 20 years, while still maintaining a pleasant and professional demeanor. During this time her eldest daughter graduated from Northwestern University and became an engineer in aerospace. Her son went on to get married, have a family of his own, and follow in his mom's footsteps working with the Department of Revenue. Her step children have gone on to work in the medical field and office management. She has a total of 6 grandchildren that she is very proud of and spoils and a husband that she is very happily married to; and now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the Mayor and members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, gathered here this twenty second day of February 2017 A.D., do hereby extend to Aida I. Martinez, our sincere and grateful appreciation for her outstanding record of personal and professional achievement, and our best wishes to her and her family on her retirement; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation to Aida I. Martinez.



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