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<b>Title:</b>	Congratulations extended to Sandra Bruce on retirement as president and CEO of Presence Health
<b>Committee(s) Assignment:</b>	

## **RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, Sandra Bruce has announced her retirement as President and Chief Executive Officer of Presence Health, the largest Catholic healthcare system based in Illinois; and

**WHEREAS**, The Chicago City Council has been informed of this event by Alderman Edward M. Burke; and

**WHEREAS**, Sandra Bruce has led the health system since it was established in 2011 following the merger of Provena Health and Resurrection Health Care; and

**WHEREAS**, Sandra Bruce will officially step down from her post on September 30, 2015, in her role overseeing the Presence Health network which includes 12 hospitals from Evanston to downstate Urbana and long-term care and senior living facilities; and

**WHEREAS**, An influential healthcare leader and a strong advocate for improving access for all to care, Sandra Bruce has worked for more than 35 years at public and faith-based hospitals; and

**WHEREAS**, Sandra Bruce was previously President and Chief Executive Officer for Resurrection Health Care in Chicago, Chief Executive Officer of Trinity Health's Saint Alphonsus Health System in Boise, Idaho and the President and CEO of Mercy General Health Partners in Muskegon, Michigan; and

**WHEREAS**, Sandra Bruce began her career at Berrien General Hospital, where at the age of 29 she became both the youngest and the first female appointed as its Chief Executive Officer; and

**WHEREAS**, Throughout her long and illustrious career, Sandra Bruce has been dedicated to ensuring that all patients are cared for, regardless of their means; and

**WHEREAS**, Sandra Bruce was named one of the nation's Top 25 Women in Healthcare by *Modern Healthcare* magazine 2011 and *Crain's Chicago Business* named her to its prestigious list of the 20 most powerful women in Chicago business in 2014; and

**WHEREAS**, A Fellow in the American College of Health Care Executives, Sandra Bruce is a Past Chair of the Board of Trustees of the Catholic Health Association of the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, Sandra Bruce holds a bachelor's degree from Western Michigan University and a master's degree in health administration from the University of Notre Dame; and

**WHEREAS**, Sandra Bruce is a true trailblazer who has inspired countless other women to advance through the ranks of hospital administration; and

**WHEREAS**, The hard work, sacrifice and dedication of Sandra Bruce serve as an example to all; now, therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED**, That we, the Mayor and the members of the Chicago City Council, assembled this twenty-fourth day of September 2015, do hereby congratulate Sandra Bruce on the occasion of her retirement and do hereby express our best wishes for her continued good health and success; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to Sandra Bruce.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Alderman", is written over a horizontal line.

*Alderman - 14<sup>th</sup> Ward*