



# City of Chicago



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## RESOLUTION

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Joanne C. Smith, has been called to eternal life by the wisdom of God at the age of 60; and

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

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Smith is survived by her husband, Rory Repicky, their children, Claire and Michael Repicky, and a large extended family, in which she was one of nine children; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Smith was born January 1, 1961 and was a long time resident of Hinsdale, Illinois; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Smith earned a Bachelors degree, *cum laude*, from Oakland University in Rochester, Michigan, an MD degree with Alpha Omega Alpha distinction from Michigan State University; and

**WHEREAS**, In 1988, Dr. Smith came to the Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago for her residency; and

**WHEREAS**, In 1992, Dr. Smith completed her residency and chief residency at Northwestern's Feinberg School of Medicine and later became a practicing physician at the Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago; and

**WHEREAS**, In 2006, a few years after earning her Masters degree from the University of Chicago, Booth School of Business, Dr. Smith was appointed President and CEO of the Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago; and

**WHEREAS**, The Shirley Ryan Ability Lab, formerly the Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago, opened on March 27, 2017, which was set to become the No. 1 global leader in physical medicine and rehabilitation for adults and children with the most severe and complex conditions; and

**WHEREAS**, In 2018, Dr. Smith presented at the first-ever *Wall Street Journal*, Future of Everything Festival, which was an ideas exchange focused on innovations that are transforming the world; and

**WHEREAS**, In 2019 and 2021, Dr. Smith was recognized as one of *Modern Healthcare's* exclusive "Top 25 Women Leaders"; and

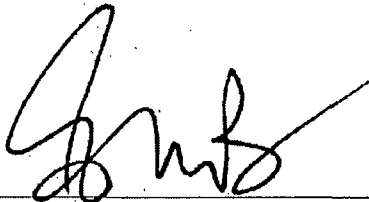
**WHEREAS**, In addition to her leadership at Shirley Ryan AbilityLab, where she managed a team of more than 2,000 clinicians, scientists, and staff, she was a faculty member at the Northwestern University's Feinberg School of Medicine for 25 years; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Smith also served for more than a decade on the Healthcare Advisory Roundtable for Madison Dearborn Partners and for more than two decades on the board of directors for AptarGroup, Inc.; and

**WHEREAS**, To her beloved family and friends, Dr. Joanne C. Smith imparts a legacy of hope, compassion, and devotion to family, medicine, and rehabilitation; now, therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED**, That we, the Mayor and the members of the Chicago City Council, assembled this Fourteenth day of September, 2021, do hereby commemorate Dr. Joanne C. Smith 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 Dr. Joanne C. Smith.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'E. M. Burke', is written over a horizontal line.

Edward M. Burke  
Alderman, 14<sup>th</sup> Ward