



# City of Chicago



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Office of the City Clerk

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| <b>Meeting Date:</b>            | 10/31/2018  |
| <b>Sponsor(s):</b>              | Burke (14)  |
| <b>Type:</b>                    | Resolution  |
| <b>Title:</b>                   | Congratulations extended to Mark Jobe on appointment as president of New Community Church |
| <b>Committee(s) Assignment:</b> |   |

**WHEREAS**, the Moody Bible Institute, the venerated Christian institution of higher education founded by Chicago evangelist and business leader Dwight Lyman Moody in January 1886 recently announced the appointment of Mark Jobe, lead pastor of the New Community Church to serve as its tenth president; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Chicago has been informed of this important appointment by Alderman Edward M. Burke; and

**WHEREAS**, Pastor Mark Jobe is the son of Christian missionaries who previously served the religious devotions of the faithful in a small agricultural town in Spain; and

**WHEREAS**, at the age of seventeen, Pastor Mark Jobe commenced his studies at the Moody Theological Seminary where he earned his diploma and a Master's Degree; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1986 twenty-one-year-old Pastor Mark Jobe met with eighteen people comprising a small congregation in the Back of the Yards neighborhood of Chicago who looked to him for direction and leadership; and

**WHEREAS**, by 1995, Pastor Mark Jobe's congregation, numbering seven-hundred, regularly met at the Illinois Institute of Technology; and

**WHEREAS**, in his mission to spread the Word of God to the entire city, Pastor Mark Jobe and the congregation engaged in forty days of fasting and prayer, asking the Creator to "give us one per cent of the city" and from that point forward, his mission gained traction; and

**WHEREAS**, with their blessings and prayers, Pastor Mark Jobe fulfilled a secular vision to aide and assist ordinary people in their quest to re-discover the teachings of Jesus through the successful launch of the non-denominational New Life Community Church, accomplished by re-starting older Chicago churches that had lost their congregations and were on the brink of closure; and

**WHEREAS**, today, the New Life Community Church serves 7,000 ethnically diverse worshippers in twenty-seven multi-site Chicagoland locations stretching from Hobart, Indiana northward to Rogers Park; and

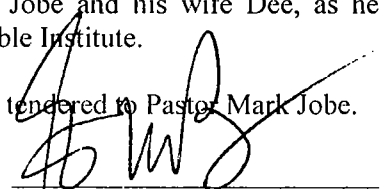
**WHEREAS**, Pastor Mark Jobe is the author of *Unstuck: Out of Your Cave and Into Your Call*, published by Moody Publishers, and is the continuing host of *Straight Talk*, aired on Moody Radio Chicago; and

**WHEREAS**, after a six month search, the Moody Board of Trustees named Pastor Mark Jobe president, succeeding interim president Greg Thornton a year after J. Paul Nyquist, president stepped down; and

**WHEREAS**, Pastor Mark Jobe's tenure as president begins in January 2019 now, therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that we, the Mayor and the members of the Chicago City Council, assembled this thirty-first day of October, 2018, do hereby congratulate Pastor Mark Jobe and his wife Dee, as he commences a long and successful "season of leadership" at the Moody Bible Institute.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a suitable copy of this resolution be tendered to Pastor Mark Jobe.



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