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MEMORIAL RESOLUTION FOR LESLIE WOLFE

WHEREAS, It is with great sadness that the members of this Chamber learned of the peaceful departure of Leslie Wolfe on October 26, 2016 at the age of sixty-nine; and

WHEREAS, This esteemed body has been informed of her passing by the Honorable Michele Smith, Alderman of the 43rd Ward; and

WHEREAS, Leslie was born on October 24, 1947, growing up in Boulder, Colorado as the eldest of three sisters and the daughter of Lynn and Arlene Wolfe; and

WHEREAS, Leslie was born an artist, and after high school she moved to Edwardsville, Illinois to study art at Southern Illinois University. During this time she met fellow art student, Fred Gude, who went on to become her partner of many years; and

WHEREAS, Leslie and Fred moved to Chicago in 1977, where she began her Master of Fine Arts degree in fiber and fine art performance at the School of the Art Institute of Chicago; and

WHEREAS, In 1980, Leslie and Fred founded the Four Brothers Press, a renowned contract lithography studio on North Avenue. The Press successfully operated and produced some of the City's finest prints until Fred passed away in 1987 and Leslie closed the studio; and

WHEREAS, Leslie moved on to become the Associate Gallery Director at Roy Boyd Gallery, where she focused on cultivating relationships with artists and collectors for the next 12 years; and

WHEREAS, Along the way, Leslie met Bill Lackland, a master craftsman; the two were partners for over 25 years until her passing. The couple enjoyed art and riding their bikes everyday from their home in Rogers Park to Nookie's; and

WHEREAS, In 1998, Leslie began working with the Old Town Triangle Association (OTTA). She started working there as a part-time assistant, was promoted to Co-Administrator and was beloved by all for her work and dedication to OTTA for many years. She is remembered for always doing everything with a smile, including bookkeeping, supporting OTTA Art Fair volunteers, attending every Board meeting, welcoming neighbors, and giving canine visitors their dog treats; and

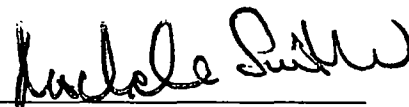
WHEREAS, Leslie is remembered by everyone she knew for her beautiful smile and sweet nature; and

WHEREAS, Leslie leaves to cherish her a host of loving family and friends; and

WHEREAS, Leslie touched the lives of all who knew her through her love and caring spirit. She will be deeply missed, but the memory of her character will live on in those who knew and loved her; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the Mayor and Members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, assembled this first day of November, 2016, do hereby extend our heartfelt condolences to the friends and family of Leslie Wolfe.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution are presented to the family of Leslie Wolfe as a sign of our honor, gratitude, and respect.



MICHELE SMITH
Alderman, 43rd Ward

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