

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, LAUREN MOLTZ, was born in Queens, New York; however, her family moved to the southside of Long Island, New York, where her interest and love for nature first began;

WHEREAS, in January 1970 at the age of 13, **Lauren**, her mother, and sister moved to Madison Park in Chicago, Illinois after her father accepted a position at the University of Chicago;

WHEREAS, Lauren was emersed in the diversity and excitement of the Hyde Park neighborhood after moving to Chicago;

WHEREAS, Lauren attended the University of Chicago Lab School where her popularity soared due to her New York accent;

WHEREAS, Lauren met her future husband, John Clement, when they were both sophomores in high school and have been married for 47 years;

WHEREAS, Lauren and John are parents to one adult daughter, adult twin sons, and one grandchild;

WHEREAS, Lauren and John attended the University of Illinois at Champaign where she received her Degree in Psychology with an interest in Women's Studies, and John received his Degree in Business Education;

WHEREAS, Lauren also attended Washington University in St. Louis, Missouri where she received a Master's Degree in Social Work Degree and Education Counseling;

WHEREAS, after residing in St. Louis for three years, John and **Lauren** moved back to Chicago where she joined the Cook County Circuit Court in January 1982, specializing in working with sex offenders;

WHEREAS, Due to Lauren's background in Social Work and Counseling, she was responsible for ensuring that the court-ordered sentencing diagnostics and assessments were completed;

WHEREAS, after being invited to a meeting by her mother-in-law Kay Clement, **Lauren** joined Friends of the Point, a passionate group of individuals concerned about Promontory Point who were successful in petitioning the Chicago Park District for \$465,000 to repair and update the fieldhouse;

WHEREAS, Lauren was interested in showcasing the Hyde Park community, and therefore she orchestrated the first Fourth of July Parade that took place in Hyde Park;

WHEREAS, Lauren participate in a group from Hyde Park that held a fundraiser at Regents Park where Jimmy Ellis task force performed at Promontory Point, which led to what is known today as the Hyde Park Jazz Festival (which expanded to the South Shore area, and is now known as Back Alley Jazz);

WHEREAS, Lauren was a co-founder and member of the Board of Directors of the Hyde Park Jazz Festival for 17 years;

WHEREAS, Lauren was a member of the Local School Council for Ray Elementary School for seven years;

WHEREAS, Lauren joined Friends of the Park in 1995, and is now the longest serving Board Member;

WHEREAS, Lauren is a long-term Board Member of the Hyde Park Arts Center; and a former Board Member of the South East Chicago Commission, focusing on neighborhood beautification grants;

WHEREAS, Lauren collaborated with community groups, elementary and high school students, senior citizens, local aldermen, and artist Mirtes Zwierzynski to establish the mosaic art works at the 57th Street underpasses;

WHEREAS, Lauren is also a member of the Hyde Park Community Art Fair;


WHEREAS, Lauren is a long-term resident of Harper Avenue, and both she and her husband John are the recipients of the Marian and Leon Depres Preservation Award for restoring their home;

WHEREAS, Lauren was instrumental in starting the annual Halloween celebration on Harper Avenue that attracts hundreds of families.

NOW THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED that we, the Mayor and Members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, assembled this 10th day of April, 2023, do hereby honor the service of **LAUREN MOLTZ**, and extend our sincere congratulations for her service to the community, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that suitable copies of this Resolution be presented to **LAUREN MOLTZ** as a sign of our good wishes.

By: 
Alderman Leslie A. Hairston
5th Ward