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## **RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, Katherine “Kit” Duffy has been called to eternal life by the wisdom of God at the age of 71; and

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

**WHEREAS**, A resident of the Logan Square community, Katherine “Kit” Duffy was a widely admired activist who served as the City’s first liaison to the gay community under Mayor Harold Washington; and

**WHEREAS**, A native of Hagerstown, Maryland, Katherine “Kit” Duffy came to the Chicago area to attend Northwestern University; and

**WHEREAS**, Katherine “Kit” Duffy was named to the city post soon after Mayor Washington was elected in 1983; and

**WHEREAS**, Although Katherine “Kit” Duffy was straight, she was adept at putting different groups together; and

**WHEREAS**, A fixture in Democratic progressive circles, Katherine “Kit” Duffy was the first Executive Director of the AIDS Foundation of Chicago and helped found Equality Illinois; and

**WHEREAS**, After concluding her tenure at City Hall, Katherine “Kit” Duffy helped secure passage in 1988 of Chicago’s landmark Human Rights Ordinance which bars discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation; and

**WHEREAS**, Katherine “Kit” Duffy inspired the lives of countless people with her focus, organization and concern; and

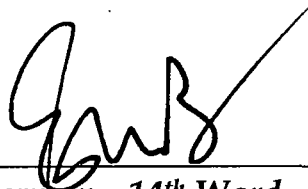
**WHEREAS**, The hard work, sacrifice and dedication of Katherine “Kit” Duffy serve as an example to all; and

**WHEREAS**, Katherine "Kit" Duffy was an individual of great integrity and accomplishment who will be dearly missed and fondly remembered by her many relatives, friends and admirers; and

**WHEREAS**, To her beloved family, Katherine "Kit" Duffy imparts a legacy of faithfulness, service and dignity; now, therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED**, That we, the Mayor and the members of the Chicago City Council, assembled this thirteenth day of January, 2016, do hereby commemorate Katherine "Kit" Duffy 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 Katherine "Kit" Duffy.



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