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RESOLUTION EXTENDING CONGRATULATIONS TO ALBANY PARK THEATER PROJECT

WHEREAS, Albany Park Theater Project is a multi-ethnic youth theater ensemble that develops original plays about social justice issues based on the life experiences of immigrant, working-class communities; and

WHEREAS, on February 16, 2016, Albany Park Theater Project was named a recipient of the prestigious MacArthur Award for Creative and Effective Institutions; and

WHEREAS, This august body has been informed of this special occasion by the Honorable Margaret Laurino, Alderman of the 39th Ward; and

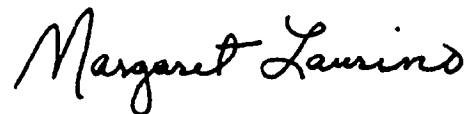
WHEREAS, The MacArthur Award has been presented annually since 2006 to not-for-profit organizations that demonstrate exceptional creativity and effectiveness, have reached a critical or strategic point in their development, and show strong leadership and stable financial management; and

WHEREAS, Albany Park Theater Project brings together as many as 40 culturally diverse teenage artists from Chicago Public Schools each year and its shows reach an annual audience of up to 10,000. The company creates original plays that humanize the social justice issues they are passionate about, at times taking advocacy beyond the stage to fight for change in the larger community and institutions; and

WHEREAS, The Award provides Albany Park Theater Project with a one-time grant of \$400,000 which will be used to establish an operating reserve and opportunity fund to launch innovative and ambitious new artistic projects and collaborations; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the Mayor, and members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, gathered here this thirteenth day of April, 2016, do hereby extend our heartiest congratulations to Albany Park Theater Project on this achievement; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this resolution be prepared and presented to Albany Park Theater Project.



MARGARET LAURINO
Alderman, 39th Ward