

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, LAUREN MOLTZ, was born in Queens, New York; however, her family moved to the Oceanside on 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 one of her two sisters moved to Madison Park in Chicago, Illinois after her father accepted a position at the University of Chicago;

WHEREAS, Lauren was immersed 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 42 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 Economics;

WHEREAS, after graduation John received a position with IBM in St. Louis. Lauren waited tables at the Medici during her college years and continued that tradition when she attended Washington University, St. Louis;

WHEREAS, Lauren also attended Washington University in St. Louis, Missouri where she received a Masters Degree in Social Work and a Masters Degree in Education in 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, where she worked with adult offenders in the Social Service Department. She then specialized in working specifically 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, Kay Clement, her mother-in-law, invited her to a meeting of passionate people concerned about the disinvestment in the Promontory Point fieldhouse. They and a few others started the Friends of Promontory Point and successfully petitioned the Chicago Park District for \$465,000 to repair and update the Promontory Fieldhouse;

WHEREAS, Friends of Promontory Point held a fundraiser at Regents Park where Jimmy Ellis performed and they raised money for jazz concerts at the Point. They also organized the first July 4th parade around the Point's meadow;

WHEREAS, in 2007 **Lauren** joined a group of Hyde Park institutions interested in showcasing the Hyde Park community as a cultural destination. This led to what is known today as the Hyde Park Jazz Festival;

WHEREAS, the Hyde Park Jazz Festival has expanded to include Back Alley Jazz, a yearly celebration of community in the South Shore area. **Lauren** was co-founder and has been a 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;


WHEREAS, **Lauren** organized and collaborated with community groups, elementary and high school students, senior citizens, local aldermen, and artist Mirtes Zwierzynski to establish the mosaic artwork project at the 57th St. pedestrian underpasses;

WHEREAS, **Lauren** is a long-term resident of Harper Avenue. **Lauren** and John are the recipients of the Marian and Leon Despres Preservation Award for restoring a home on Harper Avenue. She is and enthusiastic participant in 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 19th 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