



# City of Chicago



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**Title:** Congratulations extended to National Association of Indian Nurses of America (NAINA) on 10th anniversary of quality healthcare services

**Committee(s) Assignment:**

## RESOLUTION

**WHEREAS,** The National Association of Indian Nurses of America (NAINA) is a not-for-profit organization that strives to promote professional excellence in the nursing profession, optimizing the contribution of nurses of Indian heritage to the health and well-being of those they serve; and

**WHEREAS,** NAINA is celebrating its 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary this month; and

**WHEREAS,** This esteemed body has been informed of this occasion by the Honorable Patrick O'Connor, Alderman of the 40<sup>th</sup> Ward; and

**WHEREAS,** NAINA is an ethnic minority nursing organization representing first generation immigrant nurses, second generation nurses and nursing students of Indian heritage; and

**WHEREAS,** In the 1970's and 1980's, large numbers of Indian nurses began to immigrate to the United States, but faced many challenges and were initially unsuccessful in uniting under a professional body; and

**WHEREAS,** In the 1980's, Indian nurses formed a group in New Jersey under the leadership of Aleyamma Samuel. The movement continued to grow, with chapters becoming established in Houston, Dallas, Miami, Chicago and New York; and

**WHEREAS,** In 2006, all of the independent chapters united to form one national organization, NAINA; and

**WHEREAS,** In 2008, NAINA held its first conference in Chicago, bringing together over four hundred nurses from all over the country; and

**WHEREAS,** NAINA has continued to grow, and has been recognized by other professional organizations including the American Nurses Association, the National Council of State Boards of Nursing, and the National Coalition of Ethnic Minority Nurses; and

**WHEREAS,** NAINA remains committed to ensuring its members provide high quality, compassionate services, delivering exceptional healthcare to the community and encouraging the continuous advancement of Indian nurses; now, therefore,

**BE IT RESOLVED,** That we, the Mayor and Members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, assembled this 5<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2016, do hereby extend our heartfelt congratulations to NAINA; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that a suitable copy of this resolution be prepared and presented to NAINA as a sign of our honor and respect.



PATRICK O'CONNOR  
Alderman, 40<sup>th</sup> Ward