



# City of Chicago



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Office of the City Clerk

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<b>Meeting Date:</b>	6/28/2017
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<b>Title:</b>	Congratulations extended to Honorable David Orr on retirement as Cook County Clerk
<b>Committee(s) Assignment:</b>	

## **RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS,** The Honorable David Orr has announced his intention to retire at the close of his seventh term as Cook County Clerk, ending a highly remarkable career in politics spanning four decades; and

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

**WHEREAS,** A lakefront progressive from the Rogers Park community, the Honorable David Orr launched his political career in 1979 when he ran for Alderman of the 49<sup>th</sup> Ward; and

**WHEREAS,** While working as a professor of history and urban affairs at Mundelein College, the Honorable David Orr narrowly won the seat in an upset victory; and

**WHEREAS,** As Alderman of a lakefront ward populated by renters, the Honorable David Orr won passage in the 1980s of the landmark Tenant's Rights Ordinance which afforded legal protections for decades; and

**WHEREAS,** Upon the death of Mayor Harold Washington, the Honorable David Orr briefly served as Interim Mayor until the City Council voted to appoint Eugene Sawyer as Acting Mayor; and

**WHEREAS,** In 1990 the Honorable David Orr handily won election to become Cook County Clerk and subsequently cruised to victory six more times in office; and

**WHEREAS,** The durable popularity at the polls of the Honorable David Orr has been rooted in his unblemished record of integrity and dedication to the highest ideals of public service; and

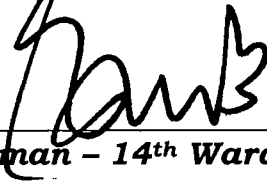
**WHEREAS,** The announcement of the Honorable David Orr's retirement has brought wide praise of his career in public service; and

**WHEREAS,** Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle called the Honorable David Orr "a voice for progressive politics, accountability and transparency in government" while Mayor Rahm Emanuel said that he has "left an indelible mark on the City of Chicago and Cook County"; and

**WHEREAS,** The integrity, hard work and dedication of the Honorable David Orr serve as an example to all; now, therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED**, That we, the Mayor and the members of the Chicago City Council, assembled this twenty-eighth day of June, 2017, do hereby express our sincere gratitude to the Honorable David Orr for his long and admirable legacy of public service and do hereby express best wishes for his good health and happiness in his retirement; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to the Honorable David Orr.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Dan B', is written over a horizontal line.

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