

## **RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS,** The Members of this Chamber are proud and honored to congratulate our dear friend and long-time colleague, Alderman Harry Osterman, on his twelve years of dedicated, loyal and outstanding service to the people of the 48<sup>th</sup> Ward and the City of Chicago; and

**WHEREAS,** Mr. Osterman was born in 1967 in Chicago and was raised in the Edgewater neighborhood. He has been a life-long resident of the City of Chicago and greatly admires the City in which he was born; and

**WHEREAS,** Harry Osterman graduated from Gordon Technical High School in 1985. He began his career as an aide to 48<sup>th</sup> Ward Alderman Mary Ann Smith before working as a staff liaison to the Chicago Police Department and the Cook County State's Attorney's Office; and

**WHEREAS,** Public service was a mainstay of the family in which he grew up. Alderman Osterman's mother Kathy Osterman was a community activist and represented the 48<sup>th</sup> Ward as Alderman from 1987 to 1989; and

**WHEREAS,** Harry Osterman was appointed to the Illinois House of Representatives on January 12, 2000, to represent the 14<sup>th</sup> District, which includes the neighborhoods of Andersonville, Edgewater, and Rogers Park. He served as State Representative until May 16, 2011; and

**WHEREAS,** In 2011, Mr. Osterman was elected Alderman of the 48<sup>th</sup> Ward replacing Mary Ann Smith who retired. He was reelected to the office in 2015 and 2019. He has dedicated himself to creating a diverse ward where everyone feels safe and welcomed; and

**WHEREAS,** In City Council he has chaired the Committee on Housing and Real Estate, and served as vice-chair of the Committee on Public Safety, while also serving as a member of the Committees on Budget and Government Operations, Committees and Rules, Education and Child Development, Finance, Health and Human Relations, Special Events, Cultural Affairs and Recreation, and Zoning, Landmarks and Building Standards; and

**WHEREAS,** Among his many accomplishments as Alderman, Mr. Osterman was able to secure 13 million dollars to renovate Senn High School, fought for funding to renovate the CTA stations at Granville, Thorndale, Berwyn and Argyle, and pushing to renovate the Broadway Armory into the community recreation facility it is today; and

**WHEREAS,** Mr. Osterman has spent a life-time in public service. His hard work has made countless lives better. His efforts and ingenuity have solved numerous social and business problems. While working tirelessly for his community, he still finds time to enjoy family life with his lovely wife Peggy and their three adorable children; now, therefore,

**BE IT RESOLVED,** That we, the Mayor and Members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, assembled this nineteenth day of April 2023, do hereby extend to Alderman Harry Osterman, our deepest gratitude and thanks for his many years of exceptional service to the people of Chicago, and our best wishes for continued success in all of his future endeavors; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** That a suitable copy of this resolution be prepared and presented to Alderman Harry Osterman, as a token of our appreciation and esteem.