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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Erin Lavin Cabonargi, the longtime Executive Director of the Public Building Commission, has announced that she will leave her post to accept a position in the private sector; and

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

WHEREAS, Erin Lavin Cabonargi was first appointed to serve as Executive Director of the Public Building Commission of Chicago on March 11, 2008 and was the Commission's Director of Planning and Design from November 2006 until March 2008; and

WHEREAS, Erin Lavin Cabonargi came to the Public Building Commission from the Chicago Public Schools where she worked on master programming, planning and entitlement projects; and

WHEREAS, Prior to joining public service, Erin Lavin Cabonargi worked in leadership and project development roles for OWP/P Architects and The Architects Partnership as well as in research and academic roles at the University of Illinois; and

WHEREAS, During her esteemed tenure with the Public Building Commission, Erin Lavin Cabonargi provided invaluable leadership in regard to the development of public buildings, facilities and infrastructure for the City of Chicago, the Chicago Public Schools, the Chicago Public Library, the Chicago Park District, the Chicago Police and Fire Departments, the Office of Emergency Management and Communications and Cook County; and

WHEREAS, Under her leadership, the Public Building Commission completed more than \$2.8 billion of work, both on time and under budget; and

WHEREAS, As head of the Commission, Erin Lavin Cabonargi oversaw the development of more than four million square feet of new construction, including the Modern Schools Across Chicago program, notably the new Jones High School, Sarah Goode STEM Academy, the renovation to the Chicago Vocational Academy and the unprecedented 2013 School Investment Program where 98 schools were renovated in nearly eight weeks; and

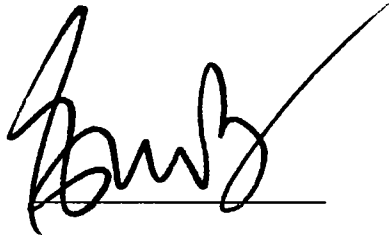
WHEREAS, Erin Lavin Cabonargi oversaw the development of numerous community anchors in the form of fire houses, police stations, parks, harbors and libraries and has been responsible for major facility renovation, infrastructure and surveillance projects; and

WHEREAS, Erin Lavin Cabonargi has been responsible for the development of 68 projects that have achieved LEED certification, including several Platinum-rated facilities as recognized by the United States Green Building Council; and

WHEREAS, Erin Lavin Cabonargi's work on behalf of the Public Building Commission Board and her clients has been recognized by the Urban Land Institute, American Institute of Architects, Chicago Architecture Foundation, Government Finance Officers Association, Construction Management Association of America, Chicago Building Congress and the Driehaus Foundation among others; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the mayor and the members of the Chicago City Council, assembled this seventeenth day of June, 2015, do hereby commend Erin Lavin Cabonargi for her dedication and outstanding public service as Executive Director of the Public Building Commission of Chicago and do hereby extend our good wishes for her continued success and achievement; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to Erin Lavin Cabonargi.

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

Alderman - 14th Ward