



# City of Chicago



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## **RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, Barbara Blaine has been called to eternal life by the wisdom of God at the age of 61; and

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

**WHEREAS**, Barbara Blaine was the Founder and former President of the Survivors Network of those Abused by Priests known as SNAP; and

**WHEREAS**, Barbara Blaine worked tirelessly on behalf of those who were victims of sexual abuse by clergy; and

**WHEREAS**, Barbara Blaine organized SNAP in 1988 as she embarked on her own personal path to healing years after she was abused as an eighth grade student by a Catholic priest who taught classes at an Ohio school that she attended; and

**WHEREAS**, The first SNAP meeting was held in a Chicago hotel and the organization now has 20,000 members; and

**WHEREAS**, The group gained prominence in 2002 after a Boston Globe series of clergy abuse and SNAP support groups currently meet in 60 cities nationwide; and

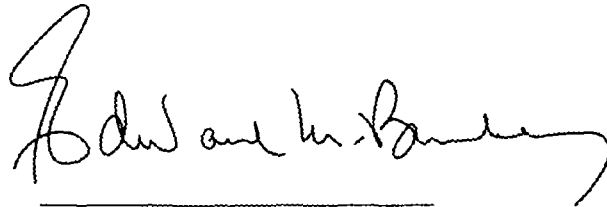
**WHEREAS**, A compassionate force for good, Barbara Blaine concluded her tenure with the organization in February of 2017; and

**WHEREAS**, The hard work, sacrifice and dedication of Barbara Blaine serve as an example to all; and

**WHEREAS**, To her beloved family, Barbara Blaine imparts a legacy of faithfulness, service and dignity; now, therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED**, That we, the Mayor and the members of the Chicago City Council, assembled this eleventh day of October, 2017, do hereby commemorate Barbara Blaine for her grace-filled life and do hereby express our condolences to her family; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to the family of Barbara Blaine.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Edward M. Blaine". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

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