

WHEREAS, Also deserving of such an esteemed honor is Eugene "Gene" Sawyer, the 53rd Mayor of Chicago, who served in office from December 2, 1987 to April 24, 1989; and j

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WHEREAS, Born in Greensboro, Alabama, Eugene "Gene" Sawyer studied at Alabama State University and taught chemistry and mathematics before moving to Chicago to work in a laboratory; and j

WHEREAS, Eugene "Gene" Sawyer began his career in public service with the Chicago Department of Water from 1959 until 1971; and

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WHEREAS, Eugene "Gene" Sawyer was first elected Alderman of Chicago's 6th Ward in 1971, and served with honor and distinction in that office under four different mayors; and j

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WHEREAS, As Alderman, Eugene "Gene" Sawyer became President Pro Tempore of the City Council and Chairman of the City Council Committee on Committees, Rules and Ethics under Mayor Harold Washington; and ¹

WHEREAS, In December of 1987, following the death of Mayor Washington, Eugene "Gene" Sawyer was elected by his colleagues as the Mayor of the City of Chicago; and

WHEREAS, Among Eugene "Gene" Sawyer's many accomplishments as Mayor were the passage of the City's Human Rights Ordinance and the Clean Indoor Air Ordinance; and ¹

WHEREAS, The City of Chicago intends to designate a suitable commemoration to honor Eugene "Gene" Sawyer in order to ensure that his legacy will never be forgotten; now, therefore I

BE IT RESOLVED, That the South Water Purification Plant, located at 3300 E. Cheltenham Place, shall be hereby officially named the "Eugene "Gene" Sawyer Water Purification Plant" in recognition of his achievements and as a symbol: of the esteem in which the late Honorable Eugene "Gene" Sawyer is held by the Mayor, the City Council, and the residents of Chicago. j

Edward M. Burke, Alderman, 14th Ward