



WHEREAS, Words cannot express the grief and sorrow we feel as we remember Adam's life and mourn his tragic death; as a City, we need time to grieve, to mourn, and to heal together, but we also need to reimagine, reinvent, and reform the societal factors and pressures that led to losing one of our sons far too soon; and

WHEREAS, We must remind ourselves that this incident - like far too many others - is a result of policies that continue to fail to serve, protect, and offer opportunities to the young people in our communities; and

WHEREAS, Adam was a victim of the inability of our City to offer our communities of color hope and opportunity; we cannot normalize the killings of our Brown and Black boys or the disinvestment from their communities that starves young people of hope and opportunities to realize their dreams; and

WHEREAS, While it is important to call for peace and unity throughout our City at this time, we must funnel our righteous anger toward persistent and tenacious work in the pursuit of justice; and

WHEREAS, We need to do the work - for Adam, for all of our Brown and Black boys - to reform our police department and commit to substantive, sustained investments in our communities to create real futures for young people of color across our City; and

WHEREAS, While we proactively work to reform, our police department and with an eye toward accountability and justice, we as a City and as a community must focus that same energy into creating an environment where young men of color can excel in school, in the professional world, and in life; by focusing on economic empowerment; and police reform in communities like Adam's, we can create a real foundation for our Brown and Black boys to succeed that promotes life and offers hope, and provides real opportunities; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the Mayor and members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, gathered here this twenty-first day of April, 2021, do hereby honor the life and memory of Adam Toledo, and commit to doing the work needed to prevent future tragedies by empowering and uplifting our young people of color through meaningful reforms, investment, and opportunities; and

MICHAEL D. RODRIGUEZ Alderman, 22rd Ward

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be prepared and presented to the family of Adam Toledo as a sign of our honor, respect, and deepest condolences.