



week. Under his stewardship the church became listed in the National Register of Historic Places in 1991 and achieved City of Chicago Landmark designation in 2013. The edifice proudly stands today, as a reminder of its long service in North Kenwood; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Sanders developed key ministries that served the community as it changed over the past 35 years. When he saw that people were homeless and displaced, he founded the "Feeding the People" program to provide a free clothes closet, food pantry and sanitary facilities. When Woodlawn Hospital closed, Pastor Sanders led the fight to open a community health clinic at KUCC, named after his late wife Norma Jean Sanders. When he saw his ministry's population aging, he founded an active Senior Ministry that has thrived for many years and he instituted the first African-American parish nurse program focusing on illness prevention. When he noticed the lack of opportunities for young residents, he developed popular youth programs. These ministries have helped the community stay strong in the face of rising housing costs and neighborhood change that have severely limited choices of housing and services for longtime residents of North Kenwood; and

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WHEREAS, Pastor Sanders has also played a leading role in the civil rights movement and patient rights activities in the United Church of Christ, the Kenwood community, and with Advocate Health Care systems governance, recently at Advocate Trinity Hospital. Pastor Sanders is the father of five children and grandfather of 18 with several great grandchildren. His late spouse, Norma Jean Sanders, was his active partner in his pastorate until she passed away in 2006; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Dr. Leroy Sanders has honorably served his Kenwood community, his church and the city of Chicago with the utmost of professionalism. May his strong dedication and faith continue to serve as an inspiration to us all; now, therefore,

Be It Resolved, That we, the Mayor and members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, assembled this eighteenth day of November, 2015, do hereby extend our heartiest congratulations to Pastor Leroy Sanders on the occasion of his retirement and wish him every success in any and all of his future endeavors; and  
William D. Burns Alderman, 4th Ward

Be It Further Resolved, That a suitable copy of this resolution be prepared and presented to Reverend Dr. Leroy Sanders.

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