



services for Black queer and trans women whose experiences of systemic racism are heightened by the intersections of gender identity and sexuality, and

WHEREAS, Affinity recognizes the unique struggles of the Black LGBTQ+ community and strives to foster support for queer Black youth through support services to address health disparities, GED tutoring, tech workshops, financial management support, and encouraging participation in government and public policy, and

WHEREAS, Affinity has been recognized, honored, and awarded for several achievements such as the Bayard Rustin Award for Community service and social organization of the year, Ron Sable Award, New Spirit MCC Gay and Lesbian Hall of Fame Induction, National Affiliate Award, Community Empowerment Award, 15 Years of Service to the LGBTQ+ Community, PridelIndex Esteem Award, and

WHEREAS, We reflect on these indispensable contributions to the Black LGBTQ+ community on Chicago's Southside, recognizing Affinity's vital contribution to investing in marginalized communities upon their 25th year in service, and

BE IT RESOLVED, That we, Mayor and City Council of the City of Chicago, assembled here this 22nd day of July, 2020, do hereby honor and celebrate the achievements of Affinity Community Services and their vision of a equity where every person has the desire, the support, and the right to be their authentic self while embracing differences.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this Resolution be prepared and presented to the Affinity Community Services as a symbol of our esteem for the organization's crucial work in advancing Black LGBTQ+ liberation, equality, and justice in our community, as we recognize the impact of their remarkable achievements over the past 25 years.

Andre Vasquez, Jr. Alderman, 40th Ward

Pat Dowell Alderman, 3rd Ward