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### RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, This year marks the 50th anniversary of the murder of activist "Chairman" Fred Hampton at 2337 W Monroe Street in the city of Chicago, and

WHEREAS, Hampton, a lifelong resident of Chicago and its neighboring municipalities, served from a young age as an organizer and advocate for racial and economic justice, fighting segregation and working to coordinate the struggles of oppressed people throughout the City, and

WHEREAS, with Hampton's involvement and leadership, the Illinois chapter of the Black Panther Party provided free breakfasts, political education and organizing classes, community supervision of the police, and other services of inarguable benefit to the citizens of Chicago, and

WHEREAS, in a pre-dawn raid on Dec. 4th, 1969, fourteen officers under the direction of the Cook County State's Attorney's office forcibly entered the premises located at 2337 W Monroe Street, firing at least 83 and as many as 99 shots within minutes, and

WHEREAS, the only shot known to have been fired in the raid on 2337 W Monroe Street other than those of law enforcement officers was a single shot into the ceiling by Black Panther sentry Mark Clark, caused by his convulsion following his fatal shooting by the attackers, and

WHEREAS, historical and scholarly consensus of the FBI's illegal COINTELPRO program, based on evidence including documents taken from the 1971 break-in of an FBI field office by the Citizens' Commission to Investigate the FBI, recognizes Hampton's killing as a deliberate assassination orchestrated by law enforcement, including the FBI, the Cook County States Attorney's office, and the Chicago Police Department, and,

WHEREAS, the City of Chicago, by unanimous vote of its City Council on October 31st, 1990, on a resolution introduced by Alderman Marlene Carter of the 15th Ward, has historically honored and celebrated the 4th day of December as "Fred Hampton Day," now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the Mayor and members of the Chicago City Council, assembled here on this 18th day of December, 2019, do hereby recognize the honorable achievements of "Chairman" Fred Hampton, mark with all due solemnity and mourning the 50th anniversary of his murder, and call for the 4th day of December to now and forthwith be known in the City of Chicago as "Fred Hampton Day."  
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