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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Arthur Bishop is retiring on June 30, 2022 as Chief Program Officer at the Safer Foundation after nearly 8 years of dedicated and distinguished service; and

WHEREAS, the Chicago City Council has been informed of his departure from the Safer Foundation by Alderman Edward M. Burke; and

WHEREAS, Safer Foundation is a nonprofit to support, through a full spectrum of services, the efforts of people with arrest and conviction records to become employed, law-abiding members of the community and, as a result, reduce recidivism; and

WHEREAS, Arthur is a graduate of Trinity Christian College, and received his Master's Degree in Human Services Administration from Spertus College in Chicago; and

WHEREAS, Arthur has more than four decades of experience as a provider of direct service and all levels of management in the field of social service, working in the areas of community mental health, substance abuse, child welfare, juvenile justice, and adult reentry; and

WHEREAS, Arthur has been one of the key architects of Safer Foundation's vision to create a holistic reentry model including workforce development services, vocational credentials, behavioral health services and housing; and

WHEREAS, Arthur enjoyed an extensive career and leadership at the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services and the Illinois Department of Juvenile Justice; and

WHEREAS, In 2012, Arthur received the MacArthur Foundation's Models for Change Systems Reform in Juvenile Justice Champions for Change Award; and

WHEREAS, In 2013, he co-chaired the inaugural Illinois Juvenile Leadership Council ("Council"), providing integral input into the development of the Council's overall mission to mobilize stakeholders to develop a shared vision for juvenile justice improvement in Illinois; and

WHEREAS, Arthur is a Licensed and Ordained Minister (Baptist); now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the Mayor and the members of the Chicago City Council assembled this twenty-third day of May, 2022, do hereby congratulate Arthur Bishop for his service, dedication, and bravery on his retirement, and wish him the very best as he begins the next phase of his life; and

BE FT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to Arthur Bishop.

Edward M. Burke Alderman, 14th Ward