

WHEREAS, Vida/SIDA evolved into an agency that now offers testing and counseling, preventative education, and wrap around services for those who are living or at risk for HIV; and

WHEREAS, Vida/SIDA created separate programs such as the Helen Rodriguez Trias Health Center to address substance abuse and mental wellness; TRANS Chicago, a program for the Transgender communities; El Rescate LGBTQ Transitional Housing and LGBTQ Drop in Center that serves youth ages 14-24 years old; and

WHEREAS, Vida/SIDA has cultivated indigenous Latino leadership and ambassadors to advocate for the LGBTQ Latino community; and

WHEREAS, Vida/SIDA is the longest-lived Latino HIV/AIDS institution in the Midwest; and

WHEREAS, Vida/SIDA's leadership and staff authentically reflect the demographics of the community they devotedly serve; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the Mayor and the members of the Chicago City Council, assembled this 14th day of November, 2018, do hereby congratulate Vida/SIDA for its unprecedented 30 years of success offering essential, life-affirming services that have turned despair into hope, a celebration of life, and an elevation of the dignity of those who once suffered in obscurity; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That Saturday, December 1, 2018, shall be officially recognized as Vida/SIDA Day throughout the City of Chicago; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a suitable parchment copy of this resolution be presented to the Puerto Rican Cultural Center as a token of gratitude, honor and respect.