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### RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Rich Koz has been known to millions across the nation, in the City of Chicago and most notably Berwyn, as the legendary horror film host "Svengoolie" for the last forty years; and,

WHEREAS, Since 1979, Rich Koz, first known as the "Son of Svengoolie" and then later after was given permission in 1995 by the legendary Jerry G. Bishop to assume the name "Svengoolie" has dutifully continued the great Chicago legacy of providing great original family-friendly local programming featuring drive-in style late night horror like "Creature Features," "Screaming Yellow Theatre," and others; and,

WHEREAS, Rich Koz has been recognized by the National Association of Television Arts and Sciences Silver Circle honoring nearly 25 years of broadcasting excellence, won multiple Emmys, and received a record-breaking eight Rondo Hatton Classic Horror Awards for Favorite Horror Host; and,

WHEREAS, Rich Koz is amongst Chicago's most visible personalities, making numerous public appearances throughout the year; and,

WHEREAS, "The Svengoolie Show," while nationally televised is produced locally in Chicago at MeTV Studios housed at WC1U; and,

WHEREAS, Rich Koz writes each episode providing humor and facts about each film he presents; and,

WHEREAS, Svengoolie's original coffin and set are considered broadcast imagery icons, permanently on display in the Museum of Broadcast Communications located in Chicago; and,

WHEREAS, Rich Koz and the Svengoolie program has been an inspiration for numerous prominent writers, directors, artists, actors and horror enthusiasts, giving a base for them to pursue their dreams within the science fiction and horror genres; and,

WHEREAS, Rich Koz embarks in celebrating his 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary as "Svengoolie," a role that has left its undeniable mark on Saturday Night Television; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the Mayor and members of the Chicago City Council, assembled here this eighteenth day of September, 2019, do hereby honor and congratulate Rich Koz, forever known as Berwyn's very own "Svengoolie," on his historic forty-year horror-filled career; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to Rich Koz as a symbol of esteem and respect for his achievements.