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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the House of Representatives Bill 1242, the 400 Years of African- American History Commission Act was introduced by U.S. Rep. Robert C. Scott on February 28, 2017 and signed as Public Law 115-102, by President Donald J. Trump on January 8, 2018; and

. WHEREAS, the purpose of the Commission is to plan, develop and carryout programs and activities throughout the United States to recognize and highlight the resilience and contributions of African Americans, since 1619, to acknowledge the impact that Slavery and Segregation Laws,, whose only purpose was to keep the status of Negro Descendants of Slaves down, had on America; and

WHEREAS, the United Nations voted U.S.A. Chattel Slavery as a Crime Against Humanity on September 4, 2001, recommended Reparations for Descendants and built a Memorial at their headquarters in Manhattan, New York called the "Ark of Return" and said the World Community needed to Honor the Memory of the Victims of these tragedies; and

WHEREAS, the Economic Impact of 246 years of free labor by slaves made America rich and the United Nations called U.S.A. Chattel Slavery "the greatest Holocaust in the History of Humankind" and Designated 2015-2024 as the Decade to deal with what former Presidents Bill Clinton and George Bush, featured in the June 18, 2009 U.S. Senate Apology for Slavery and Jim Crow Laws, said the vestiges still exists today; and

WHEREAS, August 20, 2019 is the 400th Anniversary of the Arrival of the first kidnapped, in chains and enslaved captives, from the continent of Africa, to Point Comfort, Virginia; and

WHEREAS, a public event, sponsored by The Advocates for Indigenous Native Black American Rights, called the Wakanda Heritage Ball and Jumping Over the Broom Cross Continent Celebration, from noon to 8:00 p.m. took place at the Marcus Garvey Center at 330 East 37th Street/Lu Palmer Place (37th and South King Drive to Calumet) in Chicago, Illinois; and:

WHEREAS, all citizens, on August 20, 2019 were invited to this family fun for all ages to catch up on Civic History, Commemorating Before and Beyond 400 Years of the Impact of Enslaved Africans Arrival in

America Time, now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this Resolution be given to EvAngel Mamadee YHWHnewBN and Advocates for Indigenous Native Black American Rights; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution replaces and supersedes resolution number R2019-601 adopted by the City Council on July 24, 2019.