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CITY CLERK SUSANA A. MENDOZA

, Since 1981 every March the nation celebrates and recognizes the important contributions women have made to society; and

WHEREAS, 15 years ago, Kaye Popofsky Kramer started Step Up Women's Network after finding out her mother was diagnosed with breast cancer; and

WHEREAS, A Chicago office of Step Up Women's Network launched in '2006 and has since grown to 11,000 supporters mentoring 230 teen girls; and

WHEREAS, Step Up Women's Network ignites women and girls to fulfill their potential through after-school programs that empower teen girls, programming for professional women, and mentorship opportunities that connect both groups; and

WHEREAS, Step Up Women's Network focuses on building a confident, college-bound, and career-ready generation by working on increasing high school graduation and college acceptance rates for girls from under-resourced neighborhoods; and

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WHEREAS, Teen girls involved in Step Up Women's Network programming receive 100 hours "per year of enrichment programming and for three straight years 100 percent of Step Up seniors have graduated high school and been accepted to college; and

WHEREAS, Step Up Women's Network, with a national network of 50,000 women, has empowered and inspired more than 1,000 teen girls in its 15 year history; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the Mayor and Members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, assembled this thirteenth day of March, 2013, do hereby honor Step Up Women's Network for its 15 years of helping all women and girls fulfill their potential and extend our wishes for many years

of continued success; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be presented to Step Up Women's Network.