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CONGRATULATIONS EXTENDED TO MARY KARSTEN SURRIDGE ON BEING NAMED PRESIDENT OF NORTH PARK UNIVERSITY.

WHEREAS, The North Park University Board of Trustees has nominated Mary Karsten Surridge to serve as the tenth president of North Park University ending a thirteen month nationwide search. The nomination has been ratified by the Executive Board of the Evangelical Covenant Church, North Park's founder and sponsoring denomination, and will be presented to the Annual Meeting of the Covenant on June 22, 2018; and

WHEREAS, The Chicago City Council has been informed of this occasion by Alderman Margaret Laurino; and

WHEREAS, North Park University was founded in 1891 by first generation Swedish Americans and is an integral and vital part of Chicago's Albany Park-North Park community; and

WHEREAS, Since 2008, Mary Karsten Surridge has served as North Park University's Vice President for Advancement. Her North Park career has been highlighted by her direction of Campaign North Park, the most ambitious fundraising campaign in the school's history with \$63 million in commitments; and

WHEREAS, Upon learning of her election to serve as president Mary said "I'm honored and grateful to respond with enthusiasm to this nomination and the endorsement of the search committee, our Trustees, and the Executive Board of the Church"; now, therefore,

Be It Resolved, That we, the Mayor and members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, gathered here this twenty-third day of May, 2018, do hereby congratulate Mary Karsten Surridge on her selection as president of North Park University and extend our best wishes for continued success and achievement; and

MARGARET LAURINO Alderman, 39th Ward

Be It Further Resolved, That a suitable copy of this resolution be prepared and presented to Mary Karsten Surridge.

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