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A RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING OCTOBER 2019 AS BLACK FINE ART MONTH

WHEREAS, Artists of color inspire the citizens of Chicago with the power of their imaginations, and create works that heal, uplift and transform our community; and

WHEREAS, Artists of color create works in all art forms that reflect a wide range of experiences and perspectives; and

WHEREAS, The appreciation of the full diversity and complexity of multicultural lives is crucial for the common good of our local, national, and international communities; and

WHEREAS, Multicultural artists play a leading role in shaping public attitudes about diversity and provide valuable role models for future generations; and

WHEREAS, Artists create work that touches our deepest emotions and builds bridges among people of all ages, abilities, races, religions, and sexual preferences; and

WHEREAS, Pigment International™ in collaboration with The DuSable Museum of African American History, a Smithsonian Affiliate, and in partnership with the bold gallerists, esteemed art purveyors, talented curators, and prominent arts organizations across Chicago, the country and globally has organized a new international holiday called Black Fine Art Month or BFAM, which is celebrated annually during October; and

WHEREAS, The celebration affords us a moment to toast those who revere the global Black art aesthetic, drive its value; and invest in the artists who continue to expand the definition of the Black art aesthetic; and

WHEREAS, Citizens of Chicago are joining with artists and art supporters around the world to celebrate the Black fine art aesthetic and its global impact during the inaugural Black Fine Art Month Celebration Kick-Off event on October 3, 2019; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the Mayor and the Members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, gathered here in assembly this 16th day of October, 2019 A.D., do hereby commemorate October 2019 as Black Fine Art Month; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be prepared and presented to Pigment International™ and The DuSable Museum of African American History.

Pat Dowell Alderman, 3rd Ward