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RESOLUTION HONORING METROPOLITAN FAMILY SERVICES

WHEREAS, Metropolitan Family Services has been part of the City of Chicago since 1857 when it was founded as the Chicago Relief and Aid Society and has since established Metropolitan Family Services North Center in the Belmont Cragin community; and

WHEREAS, Metropolitan Family Services has worked to provide and mobilize the services needed to strengthen families and communities; and

WHEREAS, During the 2020 COVID-19 pandemic, Belmont Cragin had among the highest rate of COVID-19 cases in any neighborhood in the City of Chicago; and

WHEREAS, With the leadership of Roxanne Nava, Executive Director of Metropolitan North, and Ricardo Estrada, CEO of Metropolitan Family Services, the organization was able to leverage its relationships with community stakeholders, helping the City of Chicago reach more individuals; and

WHEREAS, During the same pandemic, staff and volunteers selflessly, and without hesitation, volunteered during mass-vaccination program thereby aiding the City of Chicago's immunization of neighborhoods most affected by COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, Over 10,000 residents have received the first dose of the vaccine, far surpassing the initial goal of 8,000 first doses administered; and

WHEREAS, By these actions have gone above and beyond to accomplish their mission; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the Mayor and Members of the City Council of Chicago, assembled on this twenty-fourth day of March, 2021 do hereby honor Metropolitan Family Services, its staff, volunteers, Executive Director Roxanne Nava, and CEO Ricardo Estrada for their help and service to mitigate the spread of COVID-19; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be presented to Metropolitan Family Services as a token of our respect and of our best wishes for continued success.

Gilbert Villegas Alderman, 36th Ward