RESOLUTION HONORING MACEO JOHNSON ON BEING NAMED FRIENDS OF THE PARK'S OUTSTANDING PARK DISTRICT EMPLOYEE

WHEREAS, The City Council of the City of Chicago would like to congratulate Maceo Johnson on being named Outstanding Park District Employee by Friends of the Parks; and

WHEREAS, Maceo was born on October 3, 1980 in Markham, IL, grew up on the South Side of Chicago where he attended Avalon Park Elementary School, graduated from Simeon High School, and received his Bachelor's Degree in Physical Education from Chicago State University; and

WHEREAS, Maceo has worked his way up through the Chicago Park District as a proud 26-year employee, having first been hired as a Junior Counselor, then a Seasonal Rec Leader, a Year-round Rec Leader, an Hourly Physical Instructor, a Monthly Physical Instructor, a Playground Supervisor, a Park Supervisor, and now an Area Manager for 26 parks predominantly in the Bronzeville, Hyde Park, and Fuller Park communities; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his time with the Park District, Maceo has built strong and lasting relationships with the Park PACs, sending out monthly updates to share events at his parks with the PACs and broader community, and prioritizes respect, equity, and collaboration when working with his fellow Park District employees; and

WHEREAS, Maceo has been a formative influence on countless neighborhood youth, from regular daily interactions in the community, to fostering strong bonds with kids in park programming, like when two of his former park district program participants were on the Kenwood City Basketball Championship team, one as a player and another as an assistant coach; and

WHEREAS, Because of his outstanding stewardship of our City's parks, Friends of the Parks, Chicago's preeminent organization focused on an equitable park system for a healthy Chicago, has awarded him their prestigious Outstanding Park District Employee award for 2025; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the Mayor and members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, assembled this twenty-fifth day of September, 2025, do hereby congratulate Maceo Johnson for his dedication to our City's parks and to all of the residents they serve; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be prepared and presented to Maceo Johnson.

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