A resolution

adopted by The City Council

of the City of Chicago, Illinois

Presented by Alderman Walter Burnett **on** Feb 19, 2025

WHEREAS, in the course of a long and storied career in the Chicago construction industry of the early 20th century, including working in the office of famed Chicago architect Daniel H. Burnham, William Edward O'Neil did, on November 24, 1925, found and incorporate the Chicago-based firm of W.E. O'Neil Construction Co., and

WHEREAS, W.E. O'Neil Construction Co. did complete such notable historic building projects throughout the City of Chicago as Lane Tech High School, the Lincoln Park Zoo Primate House, the Museum of Contemporary Art, the Museum of Science and Industry U-505 Submarine Exhibit, the Block 37 Retail Mall, the LondonHouse Hotel, the Lincoln Common Residences, the University of Chicago's William Eckhardt Research Center and, in partnership with Concrete Collective and Lakeside Alliance, the extensive structural concrete work required for the new Obama Presidential Center, and

WHEREAS, the employees of W.E. O'Neil Construction Co. have contributed generously in time and financial resources to prominent charities and organizations such as Habitat for Humanity, the Greater Chicago Food Depository, Marillac St. Vincent DePaul Family Services, Mercy Home for Boys and Girls, ACE Mentor Program Chicago, City of Hope and many, many others, and

WHEREAS, in the year 2024, Crain's Chicago Business did recognize W.E. O'Neil Construction Co. as the 79th largest privately held company and the 8th largest construction company, by annual volume of revenue, in the City of Chicago, and

WHEREAS, in the year 2025, W.E. O'Neil Construction Co. is celebrating its 100th year in business,

NOW, THEREFORE, We, the Mayor and members of the Chicago City Council, do hereby proclaim the year 2025 to be the official 100-YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF W.E. O'NEIL CONSTRUCTION CO., in recognition of the firm's extensive and impressive contributions

over the course of an entire century to the cultural, economic and philanthropic fabric of the City of Chicago.

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Walter Burnett
Alderman, 27TH Ward