RESOLUTION CELEBRATING THE 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF CODA DI VOLPE

WHEREAS, Coda di Volpe, a decorated and beloved Southern Italian restaurant located in the Southport Corridor of the City of Chicago, is celebrating 10 years of serving quality Italian cuisine to the Chicago community; and

WHEREAS, The Chicago City Council has been informed of this momentous occasion by the Honorable Bennett Lawson, Alderman of the 44th Ward; and

WHEREAS, Coda di Volpe was born of a collaboration between hospitality veterans Billy Lawless of Gage Hospitality Group and Ryan O'Donnell of Ballyhoo Hospitality, opening its doors in July of 2016; and

WHEREAS, Gage Hospitality Group, established by the late Billy Lawless in 2007, was founded with the mission of providing a heightened culture of restaurant hospitality and has established numerous quality restaurants across the City of Chicago; and

WHEREAS, Ballyhoo Hospitality, established in 2009 by Ryan and Anna O'Donnell and currently led by Ryan O'Donnell and Jon Farrer, operates 15 neighborhood-driven concepts across Chicago and the surrounding suburbs and is built on hospitality, honest cuisine, and community investment; and

WHEREAS, The Executive Chef of Coda di Volpe, Jacob Saben, joined the Coda di Volpe family in late 2021 and brought his ingredient-driven culinary style to create dishes made of robust components and prepared with precision, bringing a unique perspective to the menu; and

WHEREAS, The menu of Coda di Volpe focuses on the lesser-explored regions of Southern Italy, creating handmade pasta dishes, house-cured meats, and award-winning Neapolitan pizzas with a Stefano Ferrara wood-fire oven; and

WHEREAS, Coda di Volpe's expansive wine list representing Southern Italy's six wine regions is another essential aspect of their dining experience as the restaurant is named after the coda di volpe grape, translating to "tail of the fox", a white grape varietal indigenous to Italy's Campania region; and

WHEREAS, Coda di Volpe's hospitality expands beyond the walls of their restaurant and into the community they call home, with the restaurant participating in a variety of civic-focused initiatives in the Southport neighborhood and throughout the city; and

WHEREAS, The vision of Coda di Volpe, brought to life by proprietors Billy Lawless and Ryan O'Donnell, Executive Chef Jacob Saben, and General Manager Jesus Garcia, has brought authentic Southern Italian cuisine and true hospitality to the City of Chicago for 10 years; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED That we, the Mayor and Members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, gathered here this 17th day of June 2026, do hereby congratulate Coda di Volpe on the occasion of its 10th Anniversary; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be prepared and presented to Coda di Volpe as a token of our respect, gratitude, and congratulations on this milestone.



BENNETT R. LAWSON
Alderman - 44th Ward