Congratulations to Susan Hayes Gordon on the Occasion of Her Retirement from Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago

WHEREAS, Susan Hayes Gordon, Chief External Affairs Officer of Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago, will retire on December 31, 2025, after more than 38 years of dedicated service to the mission of improving the lives of children; and

WHEREAS, the Chicago City Council has been informed of this momentous occasion by the Honorable Brian Hopkins, Alderman of the 2nd Ward; and,

WHEREAS Susan's tenure at Lurie Children's is marked by extraordinary leadership, strategic vision, and unwavering commitment, having built the Government and Community Relations functions from the ground up and positioning Lurie Children's as one of the most respected child health advocacy institutions in Illinois and nationwide; and

WHEREAS, through her efforts, Susan championed landmark child health policies, including legislation requiring HIV testing for mothers and newborns, expanded newborn screening for Spinal Muscular Atrophy, and initiatives focused on car seat safety, immunizations, and comprehensive gun safety; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Gordon secured critical Medicaid funding that helped bridge the gap in care for low-income children, played a pivotal role in the creation of the Children's Hospitals Graduate Medical Education program, and helped to establish the Pediatric Prevention Network, strengthening the nation's emergency response for pediatric care; and

WHEREAS, during the COVID-19 pandemic, Susan was instrumental in securing emergency relief funding that ensured Lurie Children's could continue its essential services to families during an unprecedented global health crisis; and

WHEREAS, Susan co-led the planning and implementation of Lurie Children's behavioral health strategic plan, successfully garnering government support to address the growing crisis in children's mental health; and

WHEREAS, Susan has been the trusted voice of Lurie Children's in Springfield, Washington, D.C., and throughout Chicago's civic community—serving as a mentor to countless colleagues, a fierce advocate for children, and a steward of integrity and impact whose legacy will inspire generations to come; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the Mayor and Members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, gathered here this 14th day of November, 2025, do hereby honor Susan Hayes

Gordon for her exceptional contributions to public health, child advocacy, and community service; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this Resolution be presented to Susan Hayes Gordon as a symbol of our deepest appreciation and enduring respect for her remarkable career and legacy.

Brian Hopkins

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BRIAN HOPKINS

Alderman, 2nd Ward