O R D I N A N C E

WHEREAS, Lydia Eudora Ashburne M.D., made significant historical and medical contributions to the City of Chicago. Dr. Ashburne was born in 1887 in Portsmouth, Virginia to parents who were formerly enslaved; and

WHEREAS, In 1908 she graduated from Norfolk Mission College in pursuit of a career in medicine. Dr. Ashburne then entered Howard University Medical School, was the first black woman to graduate from the program, and the first black woman licensed as a general practitioner in Virginia; and

WHEREAS, She then journeyed to the city of Chicago and opened a medical clinic, she opened the very first United Cerebral-Palsy clinic on the south side; and

WHEREAS, In her 65-year career, Dr. Ashburne delivered about 1,000 babies, funded indigent patient services, and organized a fundraiser to buy assistive technology for people who were affected by cerebral palsy; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Ashburne served on the Board of Directors for the United Cerebral Palsy and was inducted into the Chicago Senior Citizens Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Ashburne was a proud member of Delta Sigma, the Chicago Chapter of the Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc., dedicating her time to enhancing the quality of life for women and their families and servicing those in need; and

WHEREAS, Lydia Eudora Ashburne resided in the southside Chicago neighborhood of Hyde Park, until her passing at age 105; now, therefore

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO:

SECTION 1. Pursuant to Section 2-8-040 of the Municipal Code of Chicago, which permits the erection of honorary street-name designations, the Commissioner of Transportation shall take all necessary action for standardization of East Pershing Road From South Martin Luther King Drive to South Vincennes Avenue., as "Lydia Eudora Ashburne Way".

SECTION 2. This ordinance shall take effect upon passage and publication.



LAMONT J. ROBINSON
Alderman, 4th Ward