

## RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Matthew Beaudet is a fifth generation Chicagoan born in Logan Square in 1963 to Andrew and Helen (nee Joiner) Beaudet and raised in Old Irving Park graduating from St. Edward's Grade School and Weber High School; and

WHEREAS, Matt stayed in Chicago for his secondary education and obtained his B.S. from Loyola University his J.D. from the John Marshall Law School; and

WHEREAS, Matt began a thirty-six year career in public service in 1988 starting as an unpaid intern in the Cook County State's Attorney's Office; and

WHEREAS, Matt's public service includes serving the people in multiple State, County, and City agencies; and

WHEREAS, Matt proudly served his fellow Chicagoans as the Assistant Director of the Department of Administrative Hearings, the First Deputy Commissioner of the Department of Public Health, and the First Deputy Commissioner and Commissioner of the Department of Buildings; and

WHEREAS, Matt brought numerous improvements and innovations to City government including modernizing the City permit and inspection processes and the Chicago Building Code, as well as leading the City through the H1N1 and COVID-19 pandemics; and

WHEREAS, true to his roots as a Chicago neighborhood guy, Matt was proud to personally be in every community in Chicago and ensure that every community in Chicago received full City services and every Chicagoan was treated fairly and with compassion and dignity; and

WHEREAS, Matt led by example going out on inspections, working the customer counter, personally responding to after hour and weekend emergencies including on Thanksgiving and Father's Day, and even continuing the go out in the field after tearing his meniscus on a Sunday night emergency inspection; and

WHEREAS, as an enrolled citizen of the Montaukett Tribe, Matt made history as the first Native American to lead a City of Chicago agency and is an active member and leader in the Native American community; and

WHEREAS, Matt has been a life-long contributor to his community serving on the Hawthorne Elementary and Lane Tech Local School Councils, volunteering in the CPS Real Men Read program, and volunteering as a youth sports referee among others; and

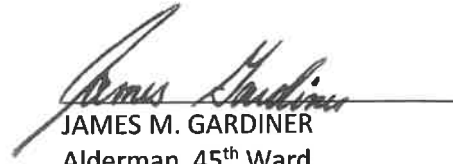
WHEREAS, Matt has received numerous professional and community honors and awards; and

WHEREAS, Matt and his wife Laurie raised their two children Katelyn and Andrew in his Old Irving Park childhood neighborhood and still reside there today; and

WHEREAS, Matt has earned the respect of his City Hall colleagues, the private sector, and all communities of Chicago for his service, dedication, compassion, and fairness; and

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that we, the Mayor and members of City Council of the City of Chicago, gathered here this 12<sup>th</sup> day of June 2024 A.D., do hereby express our gratitude to Matthew Beaudet for his valued service and dedication to the people of Chicago and wish him and his family all the best in their future endeavors; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a suitable copy of this resolution be prepared and presented to Matthew Beaudet.

  
JAMES M. GARDINER  
Alderman, 45<sup>th</sup> Ward