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### HONORING THE LIFE AND MEMORY OF LYNDA MARIE DELAFORGUE

WHEREAS, Lynda Marie DeLaforge was born on February 18, 1958 to James DeLaforge and June Kaczur-Tate; and

WHEREAS, Lynda was raised in Franklin Park, Illinois and was a Cook County resident and social justice activist who selflessly made extraordinary contributions to improve the community; and

WHEREAS, Lynda graduated from Rockford University in 1980, where she majored in theater and was active in local community productions as an actress and costume designer; and

WHEREAS, looking for part-time work, Lynda took a fundraising job for the Illinois Public Action Council (IPAC), an activist group that relied on door-to-door canvassers to recruit members and donations; and

WHEREAS, with hard work and a great charisma, she soon became IPAC's Rockford office manager and helped organize a voter registration drive leading up to the 1984 election; and

WHEREAS, in 1985, Lynda married Hans Hintzen and settled in Chicago's Edgewater neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, their daughter Katy DeLaforge was born in 1987, and their son Jordan DeLaforge was born in 1991; and

WHEREAS, Lynda became IPAC's statewide canvass manager and helped set up canvass operations in other states; and

WHEREAS, in addition to her canvass manager duties, Lynda increased IPAC's role around health policy and consumer protection; and

WHEREAS, Lynda was also involved in various progressive political campaigns, among them: Paul Simon to the U.S. Senate, re-elect Mayor Harold Washington, and Jan Schakowsky to the Illinois House of Representatives in 1990; and

WHEREAS, in 1997, after IPAC's shut down, Lynda became the associate director of Citizen Action/Illinois where she brought her expertise and lead the finances and supervised staff; and

WHEREAS, Lynda was a regular presence at Chicago City Hall Council and Cook County Board meetings as an advocate on policies for the well-being of all residents; and

WHEREAS, while at Citizen Action/Illinois, she was involved in the progressive political campaigns of Barack Obama for Senator in 2004, JB Pritzker for Governor of Illinois, and Sean Casten for U.S. Congress; and

WHEREAS, Lynda's work for progressive policies was demonstrated in her advocacy to regulate predatory payday loans, ensure food safety, oppose Social Security privatization, support equal marriage, and ensure the rights of consumers to affordable energy and health insurance; and

WHEREAS, Lynda Marie DeLaforge passed away on January 12, 2019 at her home in Chicago, Illinois; and

WHEREAS, Lynda is survived by her daughter, son, mother, sister, life partner Brian Reizfeld, extended family and friends; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners, on behalf of the residents of Cook County, hereby offer its deepest condolences and most heartfelt sympathy to the family of Lynda Marie DeLaforge and honor the life and memory of this outstanding Cook County resident.

**Sponsors:** TONI PRECKWINKLE (President)

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