



Board of Commissioners of Cook County

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

IN LOVING MEMORY OF KEITH RICHARD RENFROE

WHEREAS, Keith Richard Renfroe, a beloved son of Chicago, Illinois, was born to Ismay Littleton and Eugene Renfroe, on August 10, 1951. He transitioned into eternity on February 2, 2024, leaving behind a legacy of love, courage, and boundless joy; and

WHEREAS, Keith Richard Renfroe was preceded in death by his brother Neil Renfroe and sister Angela Ashford. He is survived by his devoted wife Pam, loving children Keith Jr., Tina, Kietha, and Kyle, three bonus children Michael, Phillip, Michelle; his cherished siblings Gene Renfroe, Gia Renfroe, Jennifer Hathaway, Everett Renfroe, Raol Renfroe, and Cheri Love. He will be especially missed by his 16 grandchildren, 3 great-grandchildren, aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins, colleagues, and friends, all of whom were touched by his kindness, generosity, and infectious spirit; and

WHEREAS, above all, Keith Richard Renfroe was a devoted husband, father, and cherished friend. His unconditional love and unwavering support brought joy to his family and all who had the privilege of knowing him; and

WHEREAS, Keith Richard Renfroe's life was a testament to his unwavering pursuit of exhilarating challenges and enriching experiences from serving in the National Air Force to his dedicated tenure in the Cook County Sheriff's Department, and as a Lieutenant in the Chicago Fire Department for 31 years; and

WHEREAS, Keith Richard Renfroe boundless passion for adventure led him to embrace various roles, including that of a clinical psychotherapist, skilled pilot, and the visionary behind the beloved "Relax, Relate with Renfroe" dating service and talk show; and

WHEREAS, Keith Richard Renfroe devotion to his community and support for organizations such as the Tuskegee Airmen and the Young Eagles Chicago Program embodied his unwavering dedication to inspiring and uplifting others; and

WHEREAS, fueled by his admiration for superheroes, particularly Batman, Keith Richard Renfroe embodied heroism in his own right, forever swooping in to save the day for those closest to him. His boundless generosity, perhaps to superpowers, touched countless lives, offering solace and healing to all who knew him; and

WHEREAS, Keith Richard Renfroe infectious personality, radiant smile, and genuine kindness brought joy to all who had the privilege of knowing him leaving behind cherished memories that will forever endure.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, let it be proclaimed that we, the community, as we mourn Keith Richard Renfroe passing, let us celebrate his remarkable life and the indelible mark he left on our hearts. Though he may have departed this earthly realm, his spirit remains eternal, forever enriching the universe with his boundless love and infectious smile. May peace be his eternal journey, and may his spirit soar among the heavens, forever watching over us.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of Cook County, on behalf of the 5.2 million residents of Cook County do hereby recognize the great contributions and legacy that Keith Richard Renfroe made during his years on this earth; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this Proclamation be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body and that an official copy of the same be tendered to the family of Keith Richard Renfroe.