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RECOGNIZING REBECCA DARR AND WINGS

WHEREAS, WINGS Program, Inc. was established in 1985 to provide a pathway to independence for people whose lives have been disrupted by domestic violence; and

WHEREAS, the mission of WINGS Program, Inc. is to provide housing, integrated services, education, and advocacy to end domestic violence; and

WHEREAS, Rebecca Darr was the Executive Director of WINGS for 15 years before becoming the CEO in 2014; and

WHEREAS, WINGS is now the largest domestic violence housing agency in Illinois, providing housing, integrated services, education, and advocacy to end domestic violence; and

WHEREAS, WINGS has two emergency shelters and 51 transitional and permanent housing units across the Chicagoland, which can house up to 363 individuals per night; and

WHEREAS, WINGS is one of the only domestic violence agency housing both women and men in Illinois; and

WHEREAS, 1 in 4 men have experienced physical violence by an intimate partner, leading to an estimated 830,000 men abused each year in the United States and every 37.5 seconds a man battered in the United States; and

WHEREAS, 1 in 3 women have experienced physical violence by an intimate partner, leading to an estimated 3-4 million women abused each year in the United States and every 9 seconds a woman is battered in the United States; and

WHEREAS, March is designated as Women's History Month and International Women's Day is March 8; and

WHEREAS, WINGS hosts an annual fashion show fundraiser that over 500 people attend; and

WHEREAS, WINGS raises funds through their three resale stores to fund their vital work; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the Board of the Cook County Commissioners would like to recognize both Rebecca Darr for her exemplary work and the WINGS Program, Inc, for its many years of years of providing services to domestic violence survivors; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that suitable copies of this resolution are presented to Rebecca Darr of WINGS Program, Inc.

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