

## **R E S O L U T I O N**

**WHEREAS**, All human life is precious, and all people worldwide are worthy of safety, dignity, and freedom; and,

**WHEREAS**, The ongoing enslavement of Africans within some Arab states by radical terrorist organizations is a violation of international humanitarian law and a crime against humanity; and,

**WHEREAS**, The United Nations refusal to address modern African slavery and persecution illustrates the hypocrisy and cherry-picked, selective moral outrage of the greater international community; and,

**WHEREAS**, The City of Chicago recognizes that slavery directed against black Africans is an abomination that exists across much of northern Africa and the Middle East that can no longer be tolerated; and,

**WHEREAS**, According to the Global Slavery Index, 84,000 Africans are held as slaves in Algeria, 47,000 in Libya, and 149,000 in Mauritania; and perhaps 35,000 Africans remain enslaved in Sudan nearly two decades after the end of the *jihad* which caused the south to secede and constitute itself, since 2011, as the world's newest nation – South Sudan; and,

**WHEREAS**, The terrorist organization Boko Haram along with Fulani death squads and other jihadists in Nigeria have murdered tens of thousands of Nigerian Christians over the past decades and have, according to the US State Department, enslaved thousands of children, teenagers, particularly young girls, and women for the purpose of sexual bondage; and,

**WHEREAS**, According to research in 2020 by the office of Tolulope Akande-Sadipe, member of the Nigerian House of Representatives for Oyo State and Chair of the House Committee on Diaspora Affairs, perhaps 80,000 women from Nigeria alone have been trafficked as sex slaves across Lebanon, Mali, Oman, Saudi Arabia, and the United Arab Emirates; and,

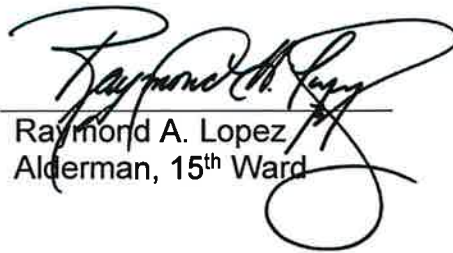
**WHEREAS**, Terror-inspired massacres and displacement of innocent people are occurring simultaneously in Burkina Faso, Cameroon, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Libya, Mali, Mozambique, Niger, Nigeria, Somalia, and Sudan; and,

**WHEREAS**, Due to the difficulty in obtaining accurate, in-depth information, as well as the mainstream media and human rights groups' typical disinterest in these

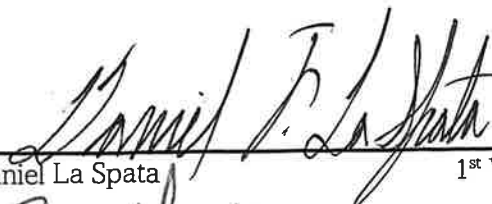
atrocities, which they deem “sensitive” matters, it is highly likely that such slavery exists in other countries in North Africa; now, therefore,

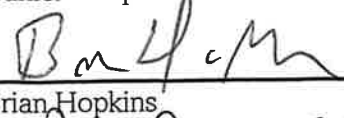
**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO**, That we, the Mayor and Members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, gathered here this Eighteenth Day of September, 2024, stand in solidarity with all victims of slavery including the people of Sudan, South Sudan, Nigeria and Mauritania, who have endured centuries of oppression and enslavement; and,

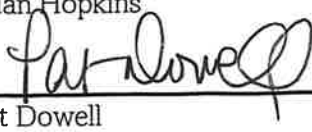
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO** that the City of Chicago stands in humanitarian solidarity with all enslaved people, demanding their immediate liberation by every legal means possible.



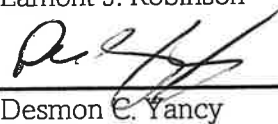
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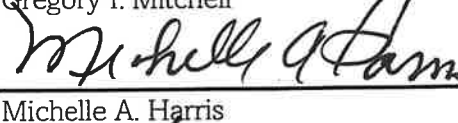
  
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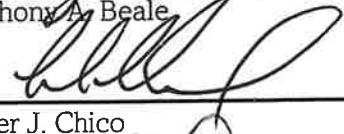
  
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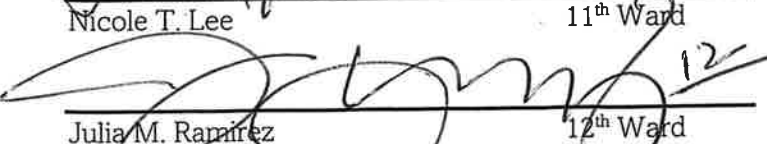
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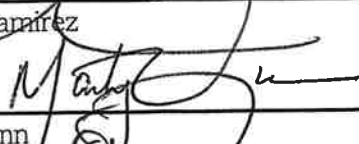
  
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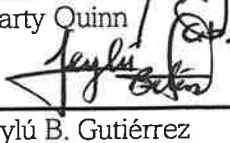
  
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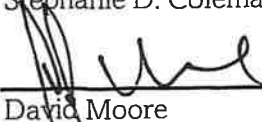
  
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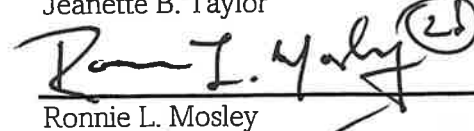
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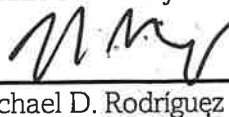
  
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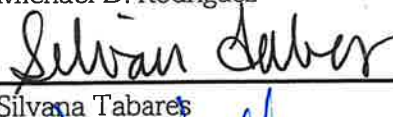
  
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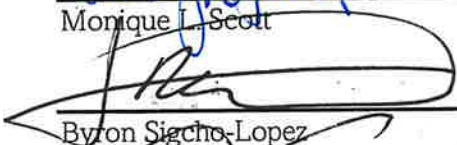
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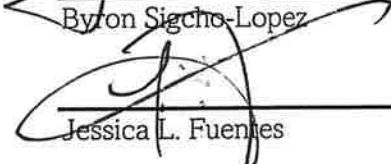
  
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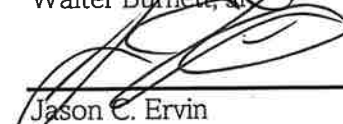
  
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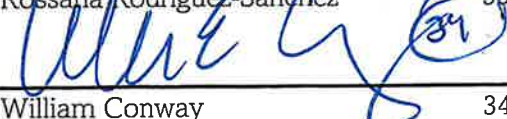
  
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Scott E. Waguespack 32<sup>nd</sup> Ward

Rossana Rodriguez-Sánchez 33<sup>rd</sup> Ward

  
William Conway 34<sup>th</sup> Ward

Carlos Ramirez-Rosa 35<sup>th</sup> Ward

Gilbert Villegas 36<sup>th</sup> Ward

Emma Mitts 37<sup>th</sup> Ward

Nicholas Sposato 38<sup>th</sup> Ward

Samantha Nugent 39<sup>th</sup> Ward

Andre Vasquez 40<sup>th</sup> Ward

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Brendan Reilly 42<sup>nd</sup> Ward

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