

A Resolution

*adopted by The Board of Commissioners
of the Chicago Park District, Illinois*



Presented by the Board of Commissioners on September 10, 2025

WHEREAS, the Judd Goldman Adaptive Sailing Program (JGASP), established in 1990 through a partnership between the Judd Goldman Adaptive Sailing Foundation and the Chicago Park District, has provided transformative sailing instruction to individuals with physical disabilities for 35 years at Burnham Harbor; and

WHEREAS, the Chicago Park District is proud to support JGASP by providing critical infrastructure at Burnham Harbor, located at 1362 S. Linn White Drive, Chicago, Illinois, enabling approximately 1,000 participants annually to experience the joy and empowerment of sailing on Lake Michigan; and

WHEREAS, JGASP's fleet, comprising eight Independence 20s, eight Sonars, and six 2.4-meter sailboats, is equipped with accessibility features such as transfer-boarding benches and safety belts, ensuring safe and inclusive sailing for individuals with diverse physical needs; and

WHEREAS, JGASP has elevated Chicago's reputation as a leader in adaptive sports by hosting the North American Challenge Cup, the Independence Cup, and the US Para Sailing Championship 15 times, as selected by US Sailing; and

WHEREAS, the Chicago Park District recognizes the profound impact of JGASP on participants who found renewed purpose through sailing, and who have gained independence, self-esteem, and community through the program; and

WHEREAS, the Judd Goldman Adaptive Sailing Foundation, as a 501(c)(3) organization, complements the Chicago Park District's mission by funding instructors, boats, and maintenance, creating a model public-private partnership that enhances recreational opportunities for all; and

WHEREAS, the Chicago Park District celebrates JGASP's 35 years of service as a testament to its commitment to accessibility, inclusion, and recreational excellence, inspiring other communities to develop similar adaptive programs; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chicago Park District Board of Commissioners and the General Superintendent and CEO, hereby honors the Judd Goldman Adaptive Sailing Program for 35 years of exceptional service to individuals with physical disabilities and for its enduring partnership and dedication to making Lake Michigan accessible to all, and that a suitable copy of this proclamation be presented to the JGASP on this 10th day of September, 2025.

Marlon Everett
President, Board of Commissioners

Carlos Ramirez-Rosa
General Superintendent & CEO