

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The Chicago Park District's mission is to enhance quality of life in Chicago by providing recreational and leisure opportunities in safe, inviting and beautifully maintained parks and facilities that prioritize the needs of children and families; and

WHEREAS, The Chicago Park District's parks and facilities provide inclusive gathering places for families and groups, as well as provide programs and services that play an important role in the social, economic, and physical well-being of children, youth, adults, and seniors; and

WHEREAS, It is important in the current climate that all residents of Chicago, and particularly children, people of color, immigrants, LGBTQ people and people of all faiths and traditions know that the Chicago Park District provides safe and welcoming places for them to run, play, learn, develop new skills, hike, compete, bike, swim, achieve, create, relax, imagine, and explore; and

WHEREAS, It is vital that the Chicago Park District's leadership and employees promote and at all times reinforce to those most threatened at this time that Chicago's parks and recreation facilities remain open, inclusive and welcoming to all residents and visitors of Chicago; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the Chicago Park District Board of Commissioners and the General Superintendent affirm that the Chicago Park District's parks and facilities welcome all residents and visitors of Chicago, regardless of race, religion, color, national or ethnic origin, immigration status, age, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender or disability; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Chicago Park District is committed to the City of Chicago's Welcoming City Ordinance, and to its applicability to Park District facilities; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we invite and encourage all visitors and residents of Chicago to enjoy the parks and recreational facilities of the Chicago Park District.

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