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**MAYOR LIGHTFOOT, CLERK VALENCIA, AND CITY COUNCIL INTRODUCE  
RESOLUTION TO HONOR CHICAGO'S LATINX ESSENTIAL WORKERS**

*In order to commemorate Latinx Heritage Month in Chicago, City officials honor Latinx essential workers who stood up during the COVID-19 pandemic to help their communities and the City at large*

**CHICAGO** – Mayor Lori E. Lightfoot and City Clerk Anna M. Valencia today joined the City Council to introduce a resolution to honor our city's Latinx essential workers who stood up in the time of the ongoing pandemic to help their communities. This resolution reaffirms the prior designation of the 31-day period beginning on September 15 and ending on October 15 as "Hispanic Heritage Month" in Chicago and encourages all Chicagoans to acknowledge the contributions of the Latinx community to the vibrant culture, identity, and economy of the City.

"Chicago's vibrant heritage is defined in large part by brilliant, diverse communities such as our Latinx community," said Mayor Lightfoot. "With today's resolution, we will not only celebrate this fact, but uplift Chicago's very own Latinx essential workers who stepped up in various capacities to ensure their communities were informed, protected and provided for during these unparalleled times. I am excited to join my colleagues in acknowledging these invaluable contributions with this resolution and remain committed to protecting and supporting our Latinx residents."

Chicago's Latinx community is essential to the very fabric and shared history of the city and is a critical part of the city's frontline workforce. Those individuals include health care workers, grocery store clerks, warehouse workers, bus drivers, custodians, domestic workers, first-responders, educators, and activists. While the work of these individuals has always been important, their dedication has been vital in overcoming significant challenges facing their communities due to the COVID-19 pandemic, rising racial injustice, and calls for change.

"Chicago has some of the most vibrant Latinx communities in our nation," said Clerk Valencia. "Our Latinx populations are a driving force of our economy and make up much of the social and cultural fabric of our city – making up the largest portion of



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the essential workforce. As the second Latina to ever serve as City Clerk, I am proud to stand with the Mayor and City Council in support of this resolution to highlight the importance of Hispanic Heritage Month. Our future is very bright.”

In addition to the resolution, to commemorate Latinx Heritage Month, Mayor Lightfoot and Clerk Valencia co-hosted a breakfast reception prior to City Council to celebrate Latinx essential workers and other community leaders.

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