

RESOLUTION NO.

WHEREAS, the Public Building Commission of Chicago (“PBC”) is a municipal corporation established pursuant to the provisions of the Public Building Commission Act of the State of Illinois (50 ILCS 20/1 et. seq.), which was adopted by the Illinois Legislature on July 5, 1955; and

WHEREAS, in 1956, six municipal corporations joined the organization of the Public Building Commission of Chicago, namely: the City of Chicago; the County of Cook; the Forest Preserve District of Cook County; the Board of Education, the Metropolitan Sanitary District now known as Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago; and the Chicago Park District; and

WHEREAS, on July 26, 1956, the inaugural meeting of the Public Building Commission of Chicago was convened, formally initiating a collaborative and innovative intergovernmental approach to planning, designing, and constructing public facilities on behalf of its client partners that serve the residents of Chicago and Cook County; and

WHEREAS, over the past 70 years, the PBC has successfully delivered a long history of essential award-winning public projects, beginning with its first and most iconic undertaking – the Chicago Civic Center - now known as the Richard J. Daley Center- a symbol of government accessibility and excellence in modern civic design; and

WHEREAS, the PBC has strengthened Chicago’s educational infrastructure through the Modern Schools Across Chicago Program, new construction and renovation projects for Chicago Public Schools, and development of City Colleges of Chicago facilities, including Kennedy-King College, Malcom X College West Campus, and other major campus renovations and additions; and

WHEREAS, the PBC has enhanced community access to cultural and informational resources by delivering new branch libraries, library renovations, YOUmedia Centers, ensuring that communities across Chicago have welcoming and modern spaces to gather, learn, and create; and

WHEREAS, the PBC has advanced public safety and emergency response with modern, high-tech, and energy efficient police stations, fire stations and other essential facilities, including the Joint Public Safety Training Campus and the Emergency Medical Services Addition; and

WHEREAS, the PBC has provided critical program management services during the development of Millennium Park, overseeing the conversion of former rail yards and parking facilities into a world class public space, that strengthened Chicago’s global reputation in urban design and cultural innovation; and

WHEREAS, the PBC has enriched community life through the development of neighborhood parks, renovations and enhancements at forest preserve facilities, new park district fieldhouses, the 31st Street Harbor project,



lakefront development strategies, and numerous facilities for seniors, youth and other vital civic functions; and

WHEREAS, the PBC has delivered essential infrastructure improvements, including the WPA Street Reconstruction and Alley Reconstruction programs, and citywide capital renovation projects, while integrating sustainable strategies and energy-efficiency initiatives that modernize public assets and operations; and

WHEREAS, the PBC has advanced equitable economic opportunities for businesses, contractors, professional service firms, and local residents, by implementing robust community hiring initiatives, promoting local participation, and partnering with trade unions, assist agencies, and community-based organizations to ensure access to meaningful participation and employment on PBC-managed projects; and

WHEREAS, the PBC has further supported youth and emerging talent through its Student Hiring Initiative, career exposure events and on-site learning experiences that introduce Chicago's students and young adults to pathways in architecture, engineering, construction, project management, and public service; and

WHEREAS, through these outreach and student engagement initiatives, the PBC has strengthened community connections, expanded local career opportunities, and ensured that public projects provide benefits not only through the facilities they create but also through the economic development and educational opportunities they generate; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Public Building Commission of Chicago hereby commemorates its 70th Anniversary and extends its sincere appreciation for seven decades of exemplary public service to the residents of the City of Chicago and Cook County; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this body recognizes the dedicated contributions of Chairman Johnson, the current Board of Commissioners, Executive Director, and staff, along with former Commissioners, leadership, and staff, partner agencies, and community stakeholders who have guided and supported the PBC's enduring impact; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution be provided to each board member in honor of this historic anniversary and in celebration of the PBC's continued mission to improve lives through public architecture and infrastructure.



MAYOR BRANDON JOHNSON, CHAIRMAN

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