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The Family of Nancy Reagan
Ronald Reagan Presidential Library
40 Presidential Drive
Simi Valley, California 93065

Dear Members of the Reagan Family,

Please accept my condolences on the loss of First Lady Nancy Reagan. I also extend my sympathy to all those who knew and admired her.

As a token of our admiration and esteem, the Chicago City Council has adopted a resolution in memory of Mrs. Reagan. Enclosed with this letter please find a parchment copy of this resolution. Although this kind of commemoration can never replace your personal loss, I hope, in some small way, it demonstrates our respect for her memory.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Edward M. Burke".

Edward M. Burke
EMB/dq

Enclosure

A resolution

adopted by *The City Council*
of the *City of Chicago, Illinois*



Presented by Alderman Edward M. Burke on March 16, 2016

Whereas, Nancy Reagan has been called to eternal life by the wisdom of God at the age of 94; and

WHEREAS, The Chicago City Council has been informed of her passing by Alderman Edward M. Burke; and

WHEREAS, A woman of dignity, grace and charm, Nancy Reagan was the loving and devoted wife of President Ronald Reagan; and

WHEREAS, Nancy Reagan attended high school in Chicago at the exclusive Latin School and graduated from Smith College in Massachusetts where she majored in English and drama; and

WHEREAS, During the 1940s, Nancy Reagan embarked on a career as an actress in Hollywood where she signed a contract with Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer studios and met her future husband, Ronald Reagan, then President of the Screen Actors Guild; and

WHEREAS, Nancy Reagan was First Lady of the State of California during her husband's two terms as Governor from 1967 to 1975; and

WHEREAS, Nancy Reagan served as First Lady when her husband was elected the 40th President of the United States in 1981; and

WHEREAS, An influential advisor and confidante to her husband, Nancy Reagan launched the "Just Say No" to drugs campaign; and

WHEREAS, Nancy Reagan was great source of strength, support and encouragement to the President following the 1981 assassination attempt; and

WHEREAS, After leaving the White House, Nancy and Ronald Reagan purchased a home in the East Gate Old Bel Air neighborhood of Los Angeles and spent time at their ranch in Santa Barbara; and

WHEREAS, Nancy Reagan's book, *My Turn: The Memoirs of Nancy Reagan*, was published in 1989; and

WHEREAS, Nancy Reagan cared for her husband during his ten-year struggle with Alzheimer's and raised money for research into the disease; and

WHEREAS, The passing in 2004 of President Reagan ended what actor Charlton Heston called "the greatest love affair in the history of the American presidency"; and

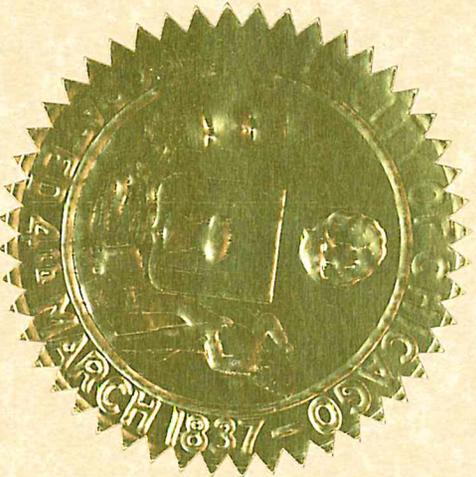
WHEREAS, The loyalty, sacrifice and dedication of Nancy Reagan serve as an example to all; and

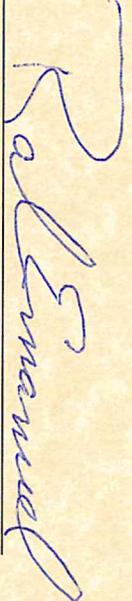
WHEREAS, Nancy Reagan will be dearly missed and fondly remembered by her many relatives, friends and admirers; and

WHEREAS, To her children, Patti and Ronald, and her step-son, Michael, Nancy Reagan imparts a legacy of faithfulness, service and dignity; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the Mayor and the members of the Chicago City Council, assembled this sixteenth day of March, 2016, do hereby commemorate Nancy Reagan for her grace-filled life and do hereby express our condolences to her family; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to the family of Nancy Reagan.





Mayor



City Clerk