## Proclamation

## Honoring West Chicago Sister Cities on the Occasion of Its 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in Partnership with Taufkirchen (Vils), Germany September 16, 2019

WHEREAS, West Chicago Sister Cities was established to foster and promote friendships and mutual understanding between the people of the West Chicago area and foreign countries, and

WHEREAS, since 1999 West Chicago Sister Cities has sought to achieve its mission through partnerships with education, culture, and shared dialogue; and

WHEREAS, this October marks the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the West Chicago Sister Cities partnership with Taufkirchen (Vils), Germany, through Sister Cities International; and

WHEREAS, this observance is a fitting occasion to commemorate the significant impact that the partnership has made in building bridges across cities around the globe in order to create and sustain world peace; and

WHEREAS, for the past twenty years West Chicago Sister Cities brought the world to West Chicago to celebrate the importance of a more peaceful and prosperous future through continued people-to-people exchanges; and

WHEREAS, during this 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, the City of West Chicago recognizes it is an opportune time for our citizens and the world to come together and show how powerful humanity can be when we unite to promote peace, progress and prosperity for a better world; and

WHEREAS, we encourage all citizens to commit to creating "Peace through People" locally, nationally, and internationally.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Ruben Pineda, Mayor of West Chicago, Illinois, DuPage County, Illinois, by virtue of the authority vested in me, on behalf of the City of West Chicago do hereby proclaim our recognition, respect, and congratulations to West Chicago Sister Cities and Partnerschaftsverein on the auspicious occasion of the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of their partnership.

Proclaimed this 16<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2019.

Mayor Ruben Pineda

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