

MAYORAL PROCLAMATION

Honoring Fredericka Howard (Krauss) On Her 90th Birthday

WHEREAS, Fredericka Howard arrived to West Chicago in 1956 being the lone Art teacher at the Community High School District 94, and

WHEREAS, Fredericka Howard became a beloved teacher, community leader and Artist working in colored pencils, Indian ink and watercolors; and

WHEREAS, more than just a self-described “line scratcher”, **Fredericka Howard** captures the souls of her subjects – and as she says, she is “always learning;” and

WHEREAS, throughout her career as an educator **Fredericka Howard** taught hundreds of students in District 94 and District 33 at Turner School, Pioneer School, Lincoln School and the Middle School; and

WHEREAS, Fredericka Howard as the “Art Picture Lady” visited numerous elementary schools to introduce young students to the history of famous artists and their works; and

WHEREAS, Fredericka Howard retired in 1990 and continues to volunteer her efforts serving the City of West Chicago as a founder of the Cultural Arts Commission, Railroad Days Arts Fiesta and Gallery 200; and

WHEREAS, Fredericka Howard, now at 90 years young, continues to draw and support the arts in her adopted hometown of West Chicago.

Now, Therefore, Be It Proclaimed, that on the occasion of her 90th birthday, I, Mayor Ruben Pineda, Mayor of West Chicago, Illinois, extend to **Fredericka Howard,** a *precious gem of this time,* heartfelt congratulations on her celebration. I join her family and friends in wishing Fredericka Howard continued health, peace and happiness.

PROCLAIMED this 29th day of July 2024.

Ruben Pineda, Mayor