

A resolution

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



Presented by ALDERMAN CHARLES R. BERNARDINI on JANUARY 14, 1998

Whereas, On December 19, 1997, the Honorable Janet Jagan, who earlier this year became Guyana's first woman Prime Minister and First Vice-President, was sworn in as Guyana's President, newly elected to replace her deceased husband, the popular Cheddi Jagan; and

WHEREAS, Janet Jagan was born in Chicago in 1920, attended the University of Detroit, Wayne University, Michigan State College and Cook County School of Nursing before her marriage to Cheddi Jagan, August 5, 1943. She moved with her husband to British Guiana and, in against the domination of British colonialists. Among her many activities, she co-founded the Political Affairs Committee and edited the *PAC Bulletin*; and

WHEREAS, Over the years, the Honorable Janet Jagan became a vital member of the People's Progressive Party and held many political, elective and appointed offices. A pioneer in women's rights, she was jailed for six months following the ouster of PPP government by British colonialists in 1955, and restricted to Georgetown in 1957. That year she returned to the Legislature to which she first had been elected in 1953, and served there, on and off, for many years. From 1973 to 1997 she was the outspoken Editor of the *Mirror* newspaper, and in 1992, following Guyana's first free and fair elections, Cheddi Jagan became President and Janet Jagan was designated First Lady of the Republic; and

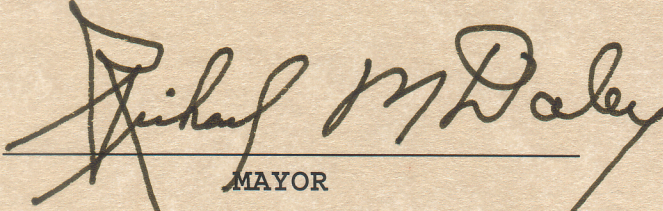
WHEREAS, A vital, learned, progressive, and imaginative leader and writer, the Honorable Janet Jagan has authored a history of the ousted government as well as a book on rigged Elections in Guyana, and four children's story books including *When Grandpa Cheddi was a Boy* and *Children's Stories of Guyana's Freedom Struggles*. She is recipient of Guyana's highest honor: Order of Excellence, Women of Achievement, by the University of Guyana, and this year received UNESCO's coveted Gold Medal for Peace, Democracy and Women's Rights; and

WHEREAS, Her election as President of Guyana crowns the Honorable Janet Jagan's long and distinguished struggle on behalf of Guyana and the exalted principles of freedom and equality; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the Mayor and members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, gathered here this 14th day of January, 1998, A.D., do hereby extend our heartiest congratulations to the Honorable Janet Jagan, the newly elected, Chicago-born President of Guyana, and extend to this outstanding leader our very best wishes for mounting successes in her new position; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be prepared and presented to President Janet Jagan of Guyana.




MAYOR


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