

RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION  
TO  
MR. TERRY PETERSON

WHEREAS, Terry Peterson served as Chicago Transit Board Chairman for 11 years after being appointed by Mayor Richard M. Daley in 2009; and

WHEREAS, Terry Peterson is the longest tenured Board Chairman in the history of the Chicago Transit Authority; and

WHEREAS, Terry Peterson oversaw more than \$8 billion in capital investments for the Authority, including the Red and Purple Modernization Project, the 95<sup>th</sup> Street Terminal Improvement Project, the Wilson Street Reconstruction Project, the Garfield Gateway Project, and more needed improvements; and

WHEREAS, Terry Peterson has overseen the initial planning for the \$2.3 billion Red Line Extension Project; and

WHEREAS, Terry Peterson oversaw the planning and building for five new rail stations, and improvements to another 40 plus stations; and

WHEREAS, During Terry Peterson's tenure as Board Chairman, the percentage of the Authority's accessible rail stations went from 50% to 70%; and

WHEREAS, Terry Peterson oversaw the repair of over 70 miles of track, and the replacement or overhaul of almost the Authority's entire rail and bus fleet; and

WHEREAS, Terry Peterson initiated expanded programs to improve job and contracting opportunities for Small and Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBE) on the Authority's construction projects; and

WHEREAS, During the Red Line South Reconstruction Project, Terry Peterson oversaw the creation of a new model for engaging DBE firms and implemented contractual requirements for the use of disadvantaged and dislocated workers; and

WHEREAS, Terry Peterson was a proponent of CTA's Second Chance Program, which assists ex-offenders in finding job opportunities and offering other holistic support at the Authority, resulting in more than 1,300 participants; and

WHEREAS, Terry Peterson offered guidance, resources and support to the many Authority employees who were honored to work with him; and

WHEREAS, Terry Peterson's commitment to improve the customer experience in terms of service, security and amenities improved the quality of life of the many diverse communities served by the Authority, and was evident for the 4,006 days that he served as Chairman; and

WHEREAS, Terry Peterson presided over 131 Transit Board meetings, with grace and humor and respect, and never missed a single meeting in his 11 years of service; and

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WHEREAS, Terry Peterson always welcomed and appreciated the many individuals who provided public comment at Transit Board meetings and testimony at Public Hearings; and

WHEREAS, Terry Peterson welcomed and appreciated all the employees of the Authority, whatever their position, who received commendations and recognition at Transit Board meetings; now, therefore:

BE IT RESOLVED that the members of the Transit Board recognize the extraordinary positive impact that Terry Peterson provided to the Chicago Transit Authority and the region's public transportation system.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of the Transit Board thank Terry Peterson for the leadership that he provided the Board for the past 11 years.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of the Transit Board wish Terry Peterson blessings, good health and happiness in all the coming days.

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Chicago Transit Board  
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Vice Chair