

# *A resolution*



*adopted by The Board of Commissioners  
of the Chicago Park District, Illinois*

*Presented by Timothy J. Mitchell, General Superintendent & CEO on June 9, 2010*

**WHEREAS**, on May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2010 the Chicago Park District bid farewell and mourned the loss of a park leader, friend, and family member in Mr. Thomas E. Wortham IV; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Wortham, born and raised in the Chatham community, has contributed to the betterment of his neighborhood, the City, and the country, through the use of his talents and wisdom; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Wortham graduated from the University of Wisconsin - Whitewater in 2005 with a degree in Communications and Brother Rice High School in 1998; and

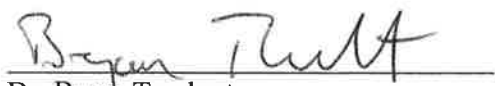
**WHEREAS**, Mr. Wortham enlisted in the Wisconsin National Guard in April 1999 and was promoted to 1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant in August 2008. He served two tours of duty in Iraq and for his meritorious service, he was awarded the Bronze Star Medal; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Wortham joined the Chicago Police Department in June 2007. He served for nearly three years and was assigned to the Englewood District where he worked the third shift; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Wortham's resolve and commitment to the betterment of Chicago's communities was exemplified by his commitment to Nat King Cole Park and their Advisory Council where he served as President; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Wortham's involvement with the Cole Park Advisory Council resulted from his years of working to improve Cole Park. He wanted to ensure that the community children and youth could participate in recreational activities in a safe environment. Just as importantly, his goal was for the entire community to feel this sense of safeness throughout the neighborhood; then, therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the General Superintendent and the Board of Commissioners, gathered this 9<sup>th</sup> day of June 2010, do hereby extend their most sincere and heartfelt condolences to the family and many friends of Mr. Thomas E. Wortham IV, and are grateful to Mr. Wortham for his years of leadership, advocacy, and commitment to the Chicago Park District and people of the City of Chicago.

  
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Dr. Bryan Traubert  
President, Board of Commissioners

  
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