

**RESOLUTION RE: DR. CHARLES M. PAYNE
CHIEF EDUCATION OFFICER OF THE CHICAGO PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

WHEREAS, the Honorable Richard M. Daley, Mayor of the City of Chicago, appointed Dr. Charles M. Payne to serve as Chief Education Officer for Chicago Public Schools in February 2011;

WHEREAS, Dr. Payne took temporary leave from his role as the Frank P. Hixon Distinguished Service Professor in the School of Social Service Administration at the University of Chicago to serve the students and families of the City of Chicago;

WHEREAS, Dr. Payne has served as a member of the board of the Chicago Algebra Project, the steering committee for the Consortium on Chicago School research, and other boards, and he is a founding director of the Urban Education project in Orange, New Jersey and the co-founder of the John Hope Franklin Scholars;

WHEREAS, Dr. Payne brought to the role a track record of thoughtful research on education in urban settings and has authored a number of books on education, including *So Much Reform, So Little Change* and *Getting What We Ask For: the Ambiguity of Success and Failure in Urban Education*;

WHEREAS, during his tenure as Chief Education Officer, Dr. Payne collaborated with Chief Executive Officer Terry Mazany to reconnect the educators and support staff of Chicago Public Schools with a powerful vision for education that raises expectations for all students;

WHEREAS, during his tenure as Chief Education Officer, Dr. Payne collaborated with Mr. Mazany to outline a vision that calls for all students to become powerful and creative thinkers, responsible global citizens, self-confident individuals, and effective and literate communicators;

WHEREAS, that vision, which calls for a focus on high-quality instruction, safe school climates, and effective leadership at all levels, can serve as a guide to the incoming Board of Education and executive team, as well as for teachers and principals across the city;

WHEREAS, during his tenure as Chief Education Officer; Dr. Payne worked tirelessly with educators at central office, area offices and in schools to outline a plan for how the district should be structured so it best serves students and families in an aligned, coherent manner;

WHEREAS, Dr. Payne honorably served the students and families of Chicago;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chicago Board of Education hereby extends to Dr. Charles M. Payne the district's gratitude for his contributions to the education, welfare and development of the children of Chicago.