

A resolution

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



Presented by ALDERMAN VI DALEY on NOVEMBER 13, 2007

Whereas, It was seventy-five years ago today that Jane Addams was honored with the first ever Nobel Peace Prize awarded to an American woman, and today we celebrate that distinguished accomplishment and with the first-ever Illinois commemorative day honoring a woman; and

WHEREAS, Jane Addams' career serving others was long and accomplished and serves as a sterling example of how an individual armed with perhaps nothing more than sheer dedication can truly make a huge difference in the lives of others less blessed; and

WHEREAS, Jane was born in 1860 into a wealthy family, the eighth of nine children. After finishing her education she founded the Hull House in Chicago with her friend Ellen Gates Starr. Offered to any of the two thousand people who might visit the facility each week were: an adult night school, employment assistance, children's classes, a public kitchen and coffeehouse and several and various physical and arts education facilities, and the first juvenile court in the nation; and

WHEREAS, The most noteworthy of all is that Hull House has offered its services to anyone regardless of life status. Of special note was Jane's legacy belief in the promotion of the rights of women in society, and in the promotion of peace in the world at large; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the Mayor and members of the City Council of the City of Chicago gathered here this thirteenth day of November 2007, A.D., do hereby express our admiration of and appreciation for the life work of Jane Addams and for her contributions to the City of Chicago and to the world, and hereby name December 10, 2007, Jane Addams Day in the City of Chicago; and