

**RESOLUTION NO.**  
**A Resolution Recognizing Governor State University**  
**Commemorating Its 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

**WHEREAS** Governors State University is celebrating its 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2009, having been founded in 1969, making it the only public university in the Southland and is recognized as a regional leader in education, economic development, and public service; and

**WHEREAS** Governors State University has graduated more than 40,000 successful alumni and is committed to serving underserved populations, including minorities and returning adult students; and

**WHEREAS** Governors State University has expanded its positive impact on the region through the establishment of more than 50 satellite locations, including education centers in Kankakee and Naperville; and

**WHEREAS** Governors State University purposely maintains the most affordable tuition and fees in the Chicago area, and in northern Illinois, to make education accessible to all; and

**WHEREAS** Governors State University represents the importance of facing its rich educational heritage, while facing the opportunities of the present and preparing for the future; and

**WHEREAS** Governors State University is commemorating its 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary November 2 to 7, 2009 with a week of events to “celebrate the past and chart the future,” including presentations on the history of GSU and a gala celebration November 7, 2009.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, be it resolved by the Village President and Board of Trustees, that the Village of Orland Park, Cook and Will Counties, Illinois congratulates Governors State University on the occasion of their 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of providing educational excellence and services to the surrounding communities, Chicago’s Southland region and the State of Illinois.

**PASSED** this 19<sup>th</sup> day of October 2009.

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**Daniel J. McLaughlin, President**