RESOLUTION NO. A Resolution Recognizing Governor State University Commemorating Its 40th Anniversary

WHEREAS Governors State University is celebrating its 40th 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 40th 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 40th Anniversary of providing educational excellence and services to the surrounding communities, Chicago's Southland region and the State of Illinois.

PASSED this 19th day of October 2009.