15-R-19

A RESOLUTION

Designating that Portion of Church Street
Between Hartrey Avenue and Grey Avenue with the
Honorary Street Name Sign, “Tina Lifford Way”

WHEREAS, Tina Lifford is an African American actress who has
appeared, starred or co-starred in over one hundred movies and television shows, over
twenty theatrical plays, wrote and performed the play, The Circle, and is the author of
The Little Book of Big Lies and Truths that Set You Free; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Lifford was born in Evanston and lived at 2129 Church
Street from 1954-1964; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Lifford attended Foster School in Evanston where she
was first introduced to Stage Theater and discovered her love for acting. Ms. Lifford
performed in school productions throughout her schooling, attending Washington
Elementary School and Chute Middle School; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Lifford returned to Evanston in 2013 for a limited run of
her original play The Circle, which was performed at her childhood school auditorium at
the former Foster School; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Lifford currently co-stars in the television drama, Queen
Sugar, produced by filmmaker Ava DuVernay and Oprah Winfrey; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Lifford’s business efforts focus on wellness, improving
the human spirit and encouraging female youth to pursue their dreams under the name
The Inner Fitness Project,
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF EVANSTON, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, THAT:

SECTION 1: The foregoing recitals are hereby found as fact and
incorporated herein by reference.

SECTION 2: On behalf of the entire citizenry of the City of Evanston, the
City Council hereby expresses appreciation for Tina Liford by designating that portion
of Church Street between Hartrey Avenue and Grey Avenue “Tina Liford Way.”

SECTION 3: This Resolution 15-R-19 will be in full force and effect from
and after the date of its passage and approval in the manner provided by law.

Attest: ________________
Devon Reid, City Clerk

Approved as to form:
Michelle L. Masoncup, Corporation Counsel

Adopted: ________________, 2019

Stephen H. Hagerty, Mayor

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