



# City of Chicago



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**Type:** Resolution

**Title:** Call for renaming of plaza where Old Chicago Water Tower sits as "Jane M. Byrne Plaza"

**Committee(s) Assignment:** Committee on Finance

*Susan A. Mendoza - clerk*  
*Finance*  
*Robert Marshall 24*  
**RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, Jane Margaret Burke was born in Chicago on May 24, 1934 to Edward and Katherine Burke; and

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*Joe Moreno*

**WHEREAS**, in 1956, she married William P. Byrne, a U.S. Marine aviator, who was killed in a plane crash in 1959; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1978, Jane M. Byrne married Jay McMullen, to whom she remained wed until his death on March 18, 1992; and

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**WHEREAS**, in 1968 Jane M. Byrne was appointed commissioner of the Department of Consumer Sales, Weights, and Measures by Mayor Richard J. Daley and thus became the first woman cabinet member in the history of the city; and

**WHEREAS**, in April of 1979, Jane M. Byrne became the first woman elected mayor of Chicago, receiving 82 percent of the vote over Republican Wallace Johnson; and

**WHEREAS**, Mayor Jane M. Byrne began the expansion of O'Hare International Airport, which is largely recognized as one of her most important achievements; and

**WHEREAS**, the Taste of Chicago began during Jane M. Byrne's tenure as Mayor, as did announcement of the Orange Line project and the opening of a rapid transit extension to O'Hare International Airport; and

**WHEREAS**, Mayor Jane M. Byrne had a vision for the redevelopment of Navy Pier and the creation of the Museum Campus; and

**WHEREAS**, Mayor Jane M. Byrne attracted national publicity and increased her popularity among Chicagoans by moving into the Cabrini Green public housing project in 1981, thereby drawing attention to the deteriorated public housing conditions and helping to improve city services to the area; and

**WHEREAS**, Mayor Jane M. Byrne was the first Chicago mayor to proclaim "Gay Pride Parade Day in Chicago," which was first designated on June 28, 1981; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Chicago intends to designate a suitable commemoration to honor Jane M. Byrne in order to ensure that the legacy of our city's first woman mayor will never be forgotten; now, therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the plaza on which the Old Chicago Water Tower sits, on the west side of Michigan Avenue between Chicago Avenue and Pearson Street, is hereby renamed the "Jane M. Byrne Plaza" in recognition of the achievements of Jane M. Byrne, and as a symbol of the esteem in which Jane M. Byrne is held by the Mayor, the City Council and the residents of Chicago.

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*Justin Hamilton 5TH*  
*Patricia Thompson 16*  
*Mary Ann 41*  
*John Miller 3*  
*John P. 15th*

*Edward M. Burke*  
Edward M. Burke, Alderman, 14<sup>th</sup> Ward  
*Michelle Adams 8th* ✓  
*Carrie M. Austin 34th* ✓  
*Lona Lane 18th* ✓