

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

CITY OF CHICAGO

BRANDON JOHNSON MAYOR

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the Chicago Academy of Sciences/Peggy Notebaert Nature Museum was founded with the mission of creating a positive and rewarding relationship between people and nature through extensive collaborations, education, research and collections, exhibitions, and public forums; and

WHEREAS, today the Nature Museum welcomes countless visitors of all ages to learn and experience the importance and beauty of nature through hands on exhibits and experiences such as the Judy Istock Butterfly Haven, after school and in school programs, summer and winter camps, community science opportunities, and the Chicago Conservation Corps; and

WHEREAS, to continue their mission, the Nature Museum will open the Sustainability Center, a state of the art 1,100 square foot interactive exhibit and resource center that will serve as a community hub for visitors of all ages to discover the best sustainability practices and technologies; and

WHEREAS, the Sustainability Center will feature rotating exhibits that highlight current practices in sustainability; immersive storytelling where visitors can dive into issues of sustainability and climate change; an interactive gallery featuring graphics, a living green wall, and a large spherical sculpture that will highlight the four components of a sustainable environment; and an open concept community resource center for all ages to use and enjoy; and

WHEREAS, the Nature Museum Sustainability Center will open in the Fall of 2023 and will continue to delight, entertain, and educate visitors of all ages:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BRANDON JOHNSON, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO, do hereby proclaim September 28, 2023 to be PEGGY NOTEBAERT NATURE MUSEUM SUSTAINABILITY CENTER DAY IN CHICAGO and encourage all residents to enjoy and support this important museum.

Dated this 28th day of September, 2023.