

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING FIRST RESPONDERS DAY

WHEREAS, First responders – including public works professionals, firefighters, police officers, emergency medical technicians, 911 dispatchers, paramedics, crisis response mental health professionals, and other emergency personnel – stand on the front lines of our communities, selflessly serving and protecting the residents of Chicago in times of crisis; and

WHEREAS, The year 2024 marks the 6th annual National First Responders Day sponsored by bipartisan resolutions in the US Senate and House; and

WHEREAS, The Chicago City Council has been informed of this occasion by the Honorable Michael D. Rodriguez, Alderman of the 22nd Ward; and

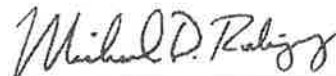
WHEREAS, First responders swiftly and courageously run toward emergencies, often putting their bodies and lives at risk to ensure the safety and well-being of others, whether in natural disasters, accidents, medical emergencies, or public health and safety threats; and

WHEREAS, Chicago's dedicated first responders provide rapid response to over 3,500 calls each day; and

WHEREAS, It is imperative that the City of Chicago recognize the great debt owed to our first responders – not only upon their retirement or after a large event, but repeatedly and regularly; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the Mayor and members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, hereby declare October 28, 2024 as First Responders Day, recognize and remember the first responders we have lost, and extend our gratitude to all of our first responders for continuously putting their lives on the line to make a better, stronger, and safer Chicago; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be prepared and presented to Superintendent Larry Snelling, Commissioner Annette Nance-Holt, Director Jose M. Tirado, and Commissioner Olusimbo Ige as a sign of our honor and respect.



MICHAEL D. RODRIGUEZ
Alderman, 22nd Ward