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in Chicago
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Recognition of March as Child Life Specialists Month

WHEREAS Child Life Specialists are child development experts who work to ensure that life remains as normal as possible for children in healthcare settings; and,

WHEREAS Child Life Specialists are trained professionals who help children cope with stress and uncertainty of illness, trauma, injury, disability, and hospitalization; and

WHEREAS Child Life Specialists in hospital and medical settings address the social, emotional, developmental, and cognitive needs of the patients and families to decrease anxiety and increase understanding; and

WHEREAS Child Life Specialists promote effective coping through play, self-expression activities, and age-appropriate medical education and preparation; and


WHEREAS Child Life Specialists introduce coping strategies to help reduce anxiety and enhance cooperation with the health care team; and

WHEREAS Patients and families receive Child Life services throughout all areas of Comer Children's Hospital at The University of Chicago Medical Center; and

WHEREAS Child Life Specialists are advocates for family centered care with the goal of empowering patients and families during these challenging situations; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the Mayor and members of the Chicago City Council, gathered here this 14th day of March 2012 AD, do hereby congratulate Child Life Specialists at Comer Children's Hospital at The University of Chicago Medical Center in recognition of the dedication and hard work they do and in that respect do hereby declare the month of March as " Child Life Specialists Month In Chicago".

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That a suitable copy of this resolution be prepared and presented to Comer Children's Hospital at The University of Chicago Medical Center.



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Alderman – 46th Ward

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