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Resolution

Congratulations extended to Officer Michael J. O'Neill on retirement from Chicago Police Department

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City Council Meeting July 25, 2018

<u>RESOLUTION</u>

WHEREAS, After more than 27 years on the Chicago Police Department, Officer Michael J. O'Neill (Star # 11791) retired on July 15, 2018; and

WHEREAS, Michael was born and raised on the north side of Chicago to Lorraine and Jack O'Neill and is one of six children; and

WHEREAS, Michael's father Jack was a Chicago Police Officer and Mike decided to follow in his father's footsteps when Mike began his career with the Chicago Police Department in 1991 and was assigned to the 19th District Watch; and

WHEREAS, In 1993, Mike was assigned to the Tactical Unit within the district where he worked until 2001; and

WHEREAS, Michael transferred to the 25th District and was assigned to the Tactical Unit where in January of 2005, Mike and the members of his 25th District Tactical Unit, along with other members of the Chicago Police Department, were selected to be part of the National Law Enforcement Presidential Inaugural Protection Detail Team at the 2005 Inauguration of President George W. Bush; and

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WHEREAS, Later in 2005, Mike was assigned to the 1st Deputy's Office at Police Headquarters where he worked on special events for the Chicago Police Department; and

WHEREAS, In 2006, Michael was assigned to Patrol Division Headquarters; and

WHEREAS, Mike transferred back to the 19th District in 2008 and was assigned to the Robbery & Burglary Mission Team; and

WHEREAS, In 2010, Mike was assigned to the Chicago Police Department at O'Hare Airport where his duty assignments included the Tactical Unit, dignitary protection among other high profile security events; and

WHEREAS, Throughout Michael's career he has received numerous awards including 106 Honorable Mentions; 14 Complimentary Letters, Crime Reduction Award in 2004, Crime Reduction Award in 2009, Democratic National Convention Award, 6 Department Commendations, NATO Summit Award, and Presidential Election Deployment Award in 2008, and the respect and admiration of all who served with him as well as the public he so ably served; and WHEREAS, After his long and illustrious career, Mike is looking forward to spending more time in retirement with his wife Denise, children Meghan and son-in-law Chris, Katie, Mikey, and playing with his grandsons Tommy and Jack; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the Mayor and members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, gathered here this twenty-fifth day of July, 2018, do hereby commend Michael J. O'Neill for his years of meritorious service to the citizens of the great City of Chicago and wish him good health and success as he embarks on the next phase of his life; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be prepared and presented to Michael J. O'Neill.

Patrick J. O'Connor Alderman – 40th Ward