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OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
CITY OF CHICAGO

RAHM EMANUEL
MAYOR

December 12, 2018

TO THE HONORABLE, THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith, together with Aldermen Reboyras and Napolitano, a congratulatory resolution regarding the Chicago Police Department.

Your favorable consideration of this resolution will be appreciated.

Very truly yours,

Mayor

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, On the afternoon of September 18, 2018, off-duty Chicago Police Sergeant Michael Bazarek (Star #1913) was driving along Wentworth Avenue in Chinatown when he saw a man on the sidewalk ranting, making wild hand gestures, and screaming at the sky and sidewalk; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Bazarek did not have a police radio, but recognizing that the man could injure someone, Sergeant Bazarek began following the man in his personal vehicle; and

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WHEREAS, Sergeant Bazarek followed the assailant for several blocks, until he learned that backup officers were on their way. Sergeant Bazarek then blocked the assailant's escape with his car, and ordered him to stop and put his hands up; and

WHEREAS, Despite continuing his erratic behavior, the assailant stopped and complied with Sergeant Bazarek's order. A short time later officers arrived to take the assailant into custody. It was later learned that the assailant, who continued his attacks against officers while in custody, has a history of violence against the elderly; and

WHEREAS, The victim was seriously injured, but continues to make a recovery; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Bazarek's quick thinking and bravery in tracking and stopping the assailant prevented any further attacks; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Bazarek and his family have a combined 125 years of police service. When this incident occurred, Sergeant Bazarek had been attending a retirement seminar at police headquarters as he made plans to wrap up a successful career serving the residents of Chicago; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Bazarek's actions exemplify the dedication to duty and commitment to the community inherent in all members of Chicago Police Department, both on- and off-duty; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the Mayor and Members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, assembled this twelfth day of December, 2018, do hereby express our admiration and gratitude to Chicago Police Sergeant Michael Bazarek for his quick thinking and bravery; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to Sergeant Bazarek, and placed on permanent record in his personnel file, as a token of our gratitude and esteem.

A resolution

adopted by *The City Council*
of the *City of Chicago, Illinois*



Presented by Aldermen Ariel Reboyras, Anthony V. Napolitano and Mayor Rahm Emanuel on December 12, 2018

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