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**Sponsor(s):** Moore, Joseph (49)

**Type:** Resolution

**Title:** Congratulations extended to Dr. Mary Fabri

**Committee(s) Assignment:**

*she agreed*

**Resolution Honoring Dr. Mary Fabri for Her 25 Years of Distinguished Service  
and Naming October 18, 2012 "Mary Fabri" in Chicago**

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Mary Fabri is retiring after having served various constituencies of Heartland Alliance since 1987, most recently as Senior Director of Torture Treatment Services and International Training at the Marjorie Kovler Center for more than seventeen years, and prior to that as Program Director for the Bosnian Mental Health Program and for the Refugee Mental Health Training Program; and

**WHEREAS**, with her guidance and leadership, many advocacy and policy initiatives were undertaken, including a national campaign for a Presidential Executive Order on Prisoner Treatment, Torture and Cruelty that would ban torture; passage of the Senate Intelligence Bill declaring waterboarding as torture—vetoed by President Bush; the successful reauthorization and increased funding of the Torture Victims Relief Act; and, submission of medical and psychological affidavits in significant legal cases; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Fabri has devoted her career to working in the public sector, serving as staff psychologist at Cook County Hospital for more than ten years prior to joining Heartland Alliance; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Fabri is a clinical psychologist and renowned international consultant on trauma-informed mental health services, having provided training and consultation on issues of torture and severe trauma in Guatemala, Haiti, Rwanda, Burundi, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Ethiopia, Sri Lanka, Iraq and Colombia; and

**WHEREAS**, having served on the executive committee for the National Consortium of Torture Treatment Programs from 2002-2009, Dr. Fabri led the Consortium as its president from 2004-2009, fostering the development of specialized health, mental health, legal assistance and other support services programs devoted to caring for survivors of torture; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Fabri is currently serving as president of the Torture Abolition and Survivor Support Coalition International Board of Directors, advocating for the immediate implementation of Article 5 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, calling for an end to military assistance, training and arms sales to governments that torture, and demanding an end to impunity for those ordering and practicing torture; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Fabri has worked tirelessly to advance awareness about the long-term consequences of torture and against the impunity associated with torture, including her submission of compelling written testimony before the Chicago City Council Committee on Human Relations in favor of a resolution introduced by Alderman Moore proclaiming the City of Chicago a torture-free zone (R2011-1239); and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Fabri has published extensively and presented internationally on the psychological consequences of torture, refugee mental health, cross-cultural psychotherapy, and the dilemma of revictimization, among other pertinent topics; and

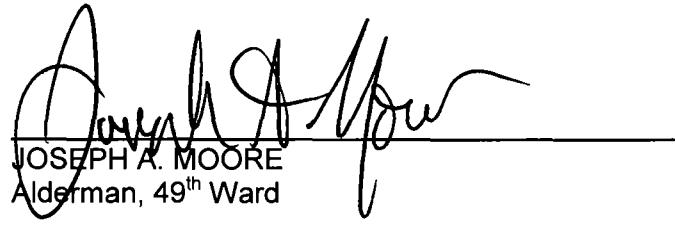
**WHEREAS**, over the years through her trainings and teaching, Dr. Fabri has mentored many students, including at the University of Chicago, as well as her colleagues; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Fabri has received many accolades, including the Chicago Foundation for Women 2011 Impact Award for her leadership and achievements to improve her community, and the Hopi Foundation 2009 Barbara Chester Award as an outstanding clinician undertaking the often dangerous work of treating victims of torture; and

**WHEREAS**, the Honorable Joseph A. Moore, Alderman of the 49<sup>th</sup> Ward, has apprised this august body of Dr. Mary Fabri's significant milestones and noteworthy civic achievements; now therefore,

**BE IT RESOLVED** that we, the Mayor and members of the City Council gathered together this 12<sup>th</sup> Day of September, 2012, do hereby salute Dr. Fabri for her many years of distinguished and selfless service and proclaim October 18, 2012, to be "Dr. Mary Fabri Day" throughout the City of Chicago in honor of her efforts assisting survivors of torture from around the world and their families to recover their health and reconnect to community, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a suitable copy of this resolution be prepared and given to Dr. Mary Fabri.



JOSEPH A. MOORE  
Alderman, 49<sup>th</sup> Ward