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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the City of Chicago, the State of Illinois, and our entire nation continues to confront challenges educating our children; and

WHEREAS, chess is the oldest skill game in the world and one of the world's most popular games, which benefits children of all ages by improving thinking skills that are imperative for young people to succeed in school and in the future; and

WHEREAS, chess is an accessible game for children from every social group and can help social cohesion and contribute to policy objectives such as social integration, combating discrimination, stemming violence, reducing crime rates and even the fight against various addictions; and

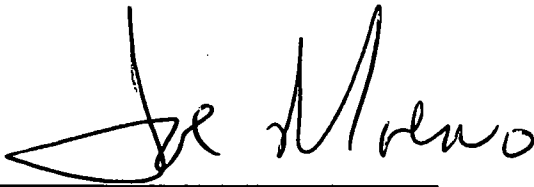
WHEREAS, whatever the age of the child, chess can improve children's concentration, patience and persistence and can develop the sense of creativity, intuition, memory, and analytic and decision-making skills; and

WHEREAS, chess also teaches determination, motivation, sportsmanship, high order thinking skills and advances children's interest in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) education and career field;

BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of Chicago will support a proclamation that encourages the introduction of the program 'Chess in the Classroom' in the educational systems within the City of Chicago; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of Chicago and the Chicago Public Schools is urged to pay the necessary attention to the program 'Chess in the Classroom' and urged to ensure sufficient funding for it from 2012 onwards; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of Chicago and the Chicago Public Schools take into consideration the results of any studies on the effects of this program on children's development;



Proco Joe Moreno
Alderman, 1st Ward

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