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Title:	Declaration of March 4th, 2012 as "Polar Plunge Day" in Chicago
Committee(s) Assignment:	

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The Twelfth Annual Chicago Polar Plunge will be held on March 4, 2012, at the North Avenue Beach; and

WHEREAS, The Chicago City Council has been informed of this event by Alderman Edward M. Burke; and

WHEREAS, In 2011 more than 1,700 spirited participants plunged into the icy waters of Lake Michigan as a way to support Special Children's Charities, an organization that provides funding for Special Olympics Chicago; and

WHEREAS, Special Olympics Chicago fosters the physical and mental health of children and adults with disabilities and provides them with sports training and competitions which allow them to share their gifts, skills, and friendship; and

WHEREAS, The Special Olympics mission has deep roots in the City of Chicago where the first International Special Olympics Games were held in 1968 at Soldier Field; and

WHEREAS, The Chicago Polar Plunge serves as a major fundraising event for Special Children's Charities and raises money for the nearly 5,000 athletes; and

WHEREAS, In addition to raising funds for Special Children's Charities, the 2012 Polar Plunge will help mark Chicago's 175th Anniversary as a City; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the Mayor and the members of the Chicago City Council, assembled this fifteenth day of February, 2012, do hereby congratulate the Chicago Polar Plunge on twelve years of success and do hereby declare March 4, 2012 to be *Polar Plunge Day* in the City of Chicago; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to James Sheahan, President of Special Children's Charities.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'BWB' with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Alderman - 14th Ward