



# City of Chicago



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11/8/2017

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Resolution

**Type:**

**Title:**

Gratitude extended to Midnight Circus in the Park for fundraising efforts for Puerto Rico residents

**Committee(s) Assignment:**



***City Council Honors Midnight Circus in the Park for Its Efforts to Help Puerto Rico***

**WHEREAS**, Midnight Circus in the Parks is all about community, family, and the power of live performance to have a positive impact long after the performance has ended; and

**WHEREAS**, Founded in 2007 by Chicagoans Jeff Jenkins and Julie Greenberg in their neighborhood park, Welles Park; and

**WHEREAS**, The goal was to bring the neighborhood together in their local park to see the circus, raise funds to rebuild the playground and create a sense of community that would remain long after the show was over; and

**WHEREAS**, That initial weekend of shows was so successful the program has grown exponentially over the last 11 years. Midnight Circus in the Parks now tours across Chicago every summer playing to approx. 15,000 people and has raised nearly 1 million dollars for the parks they play; and

**WHEREAS**, When Puerto Rico was devastated by Hurricane Maria, Midnight Circus in the Parks felt compelled to help; and

**WHEREAS**, The Midnight Circus in the Parks Core Committee came together and crafted a plan to mobilize people and organizations from all across Chicago to answer the call and help Puerto Rico; and

**WHEREAS**, They partnered with the American Red Cross of Chicago & Northern Illinois/ CEO Selena Roldon and added a Benefit Show for Puerto Rico to the final weekend of the tour; and

**WHEREAS**, Every performer, staff member, vendor and organization involved donated 100% of their time, talent and resources. Every dollar raised was going to help the people of Puerto Rico; and

**WHEREAS**, The show took place in Welles Park on Thursday October 12, 2017; and

**WHEREAS**, The Chicago City Council would like to recognize the hard work and dedication of Midnight Circus in the Parks, we would also like to recognize their various partners such as the American Red Cross of Chicago & Northern Illinois, Park Advisory Council Members from across Chicago, community members and high school students, politicians, local businesses, Chicago Park District Staff, and The Mayors Office; and


**WHEREAS**, Midnight Circus Sold Out their Benefit for Puerto Rico Performance in one day and raised \$18,000 for the cause; and

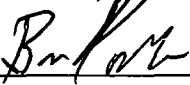
**WHEREAS**, It exceeded expectations and proved once again a small group of committed community members can make a real difference.


**BE IT RESOLVED**, That we, the Mayor and members of the Chicago City Council, gathered


here on this 8th day of November, 2017, do hereby recognize the efforts of Midnight Circus in the Park and their partners for their incredible fundraising efforts for the residents of Puerto Rico; and

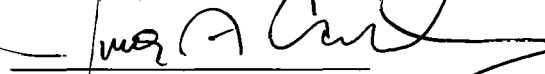
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That a suitable copy of this resolution be prepared and presented Midnight Circus in the Park.

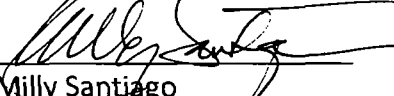
  
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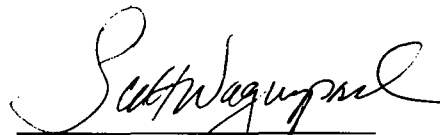
  
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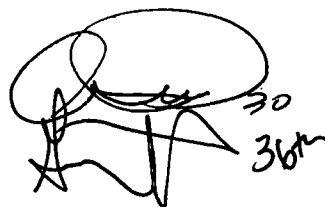
  
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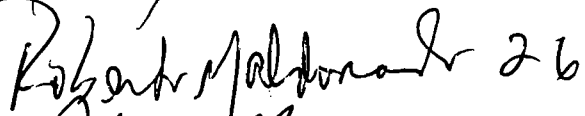
  
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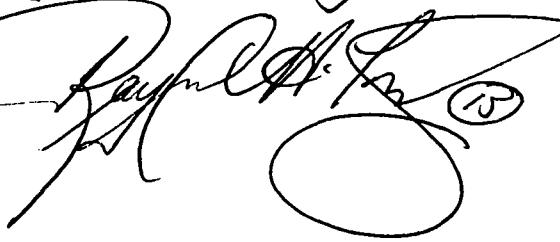
  
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