



# City of Chicago



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## Document Tracking Sheet

**Meeting Date:** 7/20/2016

**Sponsor(s):** Burke (14)

**Type:** Resolution

**Title:** Congratulations extended to Deputy Fire Commissioner John McNicholas on retirement from Chicago Fire Department

**Committee(s) Assignment:**

## **RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, John McNicholas, the third highest ranking official in the Chicago Fire Department, has officially retired following a long and distinguished career in public service; and

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

**WHEREAS**, John McNicholas joined the Chicago Fire Department on February 18, 1980; and

**WHEREAS**, During his long and illustrious career, John McNicholas ably served at numerous assignments, including: Truck 50; Engine 116; District 4 Relief; District 1 Relief; Engine 74; Truck 4; Operations Headquarters Relief; Battalion 17; District 7; District 5 Relief; District 3; and Operations Headquarters; and

**WHEREAS**, Rising steadily through the ranks, John McNicholas was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant in 1989 and promoted to Captain in 1995; and

**WHEREAS**, John McNicholas became a Battalion Chief in 2000 and a Deputy District Chief four years later; and

**WHEREAS**, John McNicholas was named a District Chief in 2007 and an Assistant Deputy Commissioner in 2010; and

**WHEREAS**, John McNicholas was appointed Deputy Fire Commissioner in 2012 and announced his retirement from that position in 2016; and

**WHEREAS**, Citizens throughout the City of Chicago are inspired by and indebted to our valiant firefighters who exhibit courage and bravery every day in the course of their duties; and

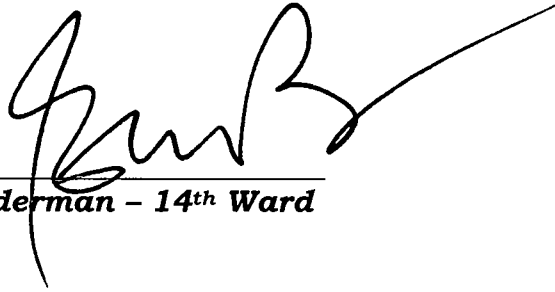
**WHEREAS**, The Chicago Fire Department exemplifies the power of human compassion and the strength of the American spirit through actions of the most heroic magnitude; and

**WHEREAS**, The sacrifices and the selfless dedication of our firefighters merit tribute and recognition by the people of the City of Chicago; and

**WHEREAS**, The leaders of this great City of Chicago are cognizant of the great debt owed to our public servants; now, therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED**, That we, the Mayor and the members of the Chicago City Council, assembled this twentieth day of July, 2016, do hereby congratulate John McNicholas on the occasion of his retirement and do hereby express our best wishes for his continued good health and success; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to John McNicholas.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'J. B.', written over a horizontal line. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

**Alderman - 14<sup>th</sup> Ward**