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25th annual NATO Summit in Chicago

Committee(s) Assignment:

A resolution



adopted by *The City Council*
of the *City of Chicago, Illinois*

CITY CLERK SUSANA A. MENDOZA
CITY TREASURER STEPHANIE D. NEELY
MAYOR RAHM EMANUEL

Presented by _____ on _____ JUNE 6, 2012

Whereas, From May 20-21, 2012, the City of Chicago hosted the 25th annual summit of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization ("NATO"), our Nation's most important security alliance, at McCormick Place, the largest convention center in the United States; and

WHEREAS, The biggest NATO summit in history, with over 60 countries and organizations represented, the Chicago Summit brought to our great City dozens of world leaders, accompanied by their defense and foreign ministers, top military officers, advisers and ambassadors; thousands of NATO delegates and staffers; scores of foreign journalists; and throngs of protestors from around the world seeking a safe forum in which to express their political views; and

WHEREAS, Shining a global spotlight on President Barack Obama's hometown, the Chicago Summit opened up Chicago to a prestigious international audience and provided the City with a unique opportunity to showcase to the world its magnificent skyline, arts and architecture, culinary delights, economic vitality, can-do spirit, and the graciousness and hospitality of its residents; and

WHEREAS, A resounding success, the Chicago Summit forever put to rest old images of Chicago from bygone eras; demonstrated to the world that Chicago's reputation as a world-class city is truly deserved; and proved beyond a doubt that Chicago – a City built upon the same values of diversity and determination that underpin the NATO alliance – was indeed a fitting host for this momentous diplomatic occasion. In the words of President Barack Obama, "Chicago performed magnificently"; and

WHEREAS, This stellar outcome would not have been possible without the hard work, dedication and professionalism of countless City of Chicago employees, and meticulous preparation by a multitude of City departments working seamlessly together to ensure the success of the Chicago Summit and the safety of the people attending it; and

WHEREAS, The most visible faces of Chicago throughout the Chicago Summit, members of the Chicago Police Department, Fire Department and Office of Emergency Management and Communications did a tremendous job, under extremely trying circumstances, of keeping people and property safe from harm. The exceptional discipline, bravery and self-restraint shown by Chicago's well-trained and well-led police officers kept arrests and confrontations with protestors during the Chicago Summit to a minimum, thereby securing precisely what our Constitution guarantees: the peaceful exercise of First Amendment rights; and

WHEREAS, The magnitude of preparation for the Chicago Summit was evidenced by the sheer number of "unsung heroes" who helped make it a success, including employees of the Departments of Streets and Sanitation, Transportation, Fleet and Facility Management, Water Management, Aviation, Procurement Services and Law, who worked behind-the-scenes for months planning the logistics of the Chicago Summit and assisting with tightened security, street closures, motorcade transportation, communications, legal counsel and other functions essential to the success of this large-scale, high-profile event; and

WHEREAS, The City of Chicago is also grateful to the NATO Host Committee and to the Illinois State Police, the Cook County Sheriff's Office and out-of-state law enforcement personnel for their assistance during the Chicago Summit; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the Mayor and Members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, assembled this sixth day of June, 2012, do hereby honor and applaud all of the individuals and City departments whose concerted efforts in connection with the Chicago Summit contributed immeasurably to the success of this historic event and, in so doing, increased the stature of our great City on the world stage; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be presented to Superintendent of Police Garry McCarthy, Fire Commissioner Jose Santiago, Executive Director of Emergency Management and Communications Gary Schenkel and Director of the Illinois State Police Hiram Grau.



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MAYOR

Susana A Mendez
CITY CLERK