



# City of Chicago



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<b>Committee(s) Assignment:</b>	

## RESOLUTION

**WHEREAS**, We, in this city of immigrants, this city of neighborhoods, this most American of all cities, are particularly cognizant of the "American Dream"; and

**WHEREAS**, Though seemingly fixed and inviolable, the complex social fabric of our great metropolis could be easily torn asunder were it not for the guardians of the public welfare, indeed, the guardians of the American Dream; and

**WHEREAS**, Dedication to and fulfillment of the motto of the Chicago Police Department - "We Serve and Protect" - exacts a substantial physical and emotional toll not only on the officers who must daily cope with the stress and danger of being life's arbitrator for countless citizens, but also on their family members; and

**WHEREAS**, Through professionalism and sacrifice, the members of the Chicago Police Department have provided us with one of the safest cities in the United States of America, allowing each of us to pursue our own version of the "American Dream" in safety and confidence; and

**WHEREAS**, The words of Sir Winston Churchill, "never was so much owed to so few" were never so apropos; and

**WHEREAS**, Benjamin M. Velez began his illustrious career with the Chicago Police Department on January 2, 1991; and

**WHEREAS**, Benjamin M. Velez, Star #5487, retired on January 16, 2018 as a Police Officer assigned to the Chicago Lawn District; now, therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED**, That we, the Mayor and the members of the Chicago City Council assembled this twelfth day of December, 2018, do hereby express our gratitude and heartfelt appreciation to Benjamin M. Velez on the occasion of his retirement for his dedication, professionalism and personal sacrifice that he provided during his tenure in public service; and

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