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MAYOR

March 9, 2011

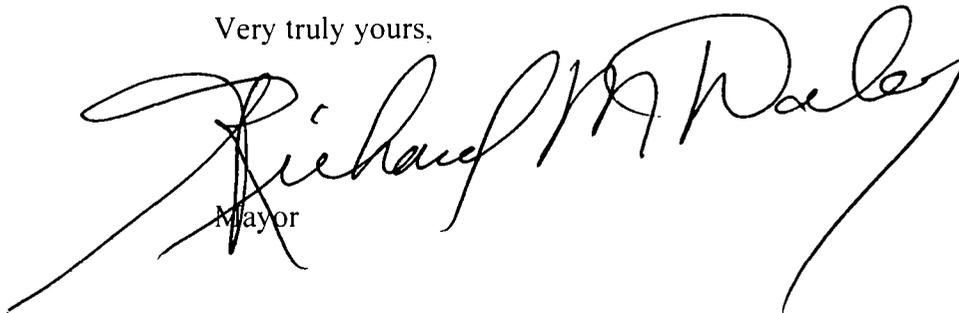
TO THE HONORABLE, THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith a resolution urging the General Assembly to reject legislation authorizing the carrying of concealed firearms.

Your favorable consideration of this resolution will be appreciated.

Very truly yours,



Richard M. Daley
Mayor

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, There are currently several bills pending in the Illinois General Assembly that would authorize persons to carry concealed firearms if they have been issued a permit; and

WHEREAS, Specifically, four identical bills, Senate Bill 82 and House Bills 112, 148 and 1403, would allow persons over the age of 21 to apply to the county sheriff or to the Department of State Police for a permit to carry a handgun concealed on the person or in a vehicle; and

WHEREAS, Firearm-related injuries and deaths are the cause of significant social and economic costs to the City of Chicago and its communities, and have a severe impact on our criminal justice and health care systems; and

WHEREAS, The overwhelming majority of homicides in the City of Chicago are committed with a firearm, and on an annual basis there are typically approximately 2,000 aggravated battery offenses involving a firearm within the City of Chicago; and

WHEREAS, The pending legislation would preempt home rule powers and would prohibit any local regulation of permittees, except that the legislation would allow a municipality to pass an ordinance prohibiting carrying a concealed firearm in portions of a building owned, leased or controlled by that municipality, so long as the ordinance does not impose any criminal penalties for violating the prohibition; and

WHEREAS, The legislation also would purport to give similar powers to the Illinois General Assembly to pass a statute prohibiting concealed firearms on property owned leased or controlled by the State, although it is unclear why the General Assembly would need authority in the legislation to pass a statute; and

WHEREAS, In an apparent concession to lobbyists representing the National Rifle Association; the legislation would prohibit persons from carrying concealed firearms into meetings of the General Assembly and other public bodies, unless the person is a registered lobbyist or a member of the public body itself; and

WHEREAS, In another apparent concession to the National Rifle Association, the legislation would provide that a National Rifle Association Personal Protection Instructor or a National Rifle Association Pistol Marksmanship Instructor is automatically certified to conduct the training courses required by the legislation, for which \$100 of a \$125 per-student course fee would be retained by the instructor; and

WHEREAS, Claims that legalizing the concealed carrying of firearms would improve public safety are dubious at best, which helps to explain why concealed carry in Illinois has been opposed by such organizations as the American Academy of Pediatrics-Illinois, the Illinois League of Women Voters, Voices for Illinois Children, and many others, as well as former Cook County Sheriff Tom Dart; and

WHEREAS, According to the Illinois Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence, a Chicago-based advocacy group, from May 2007 through February 2010, at least 139 people, including nine police officers, were killed nationwide by concealed handgun permit holders; and

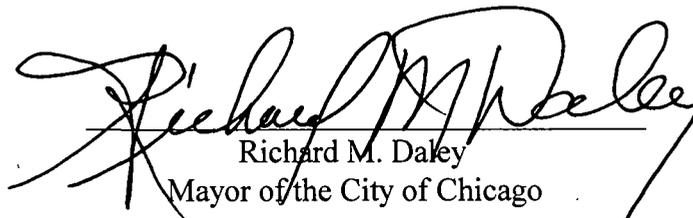
WHEREAS, Although some gun rights advocates have cited studies that supposedly support the claim that legalized concealed carry reduces violent crime, academic research conducted by respected researchers, including the University of Chicago and John Hopkins University, and studies published by the Stanford Law Review and the Journal of Trauma, have criticized the methodology and faulty conclusions of studies cited by gun rights advocates, and have concluded that there is no evidence that concealed carry reduces violent crime and in many cases may increase such crime; and

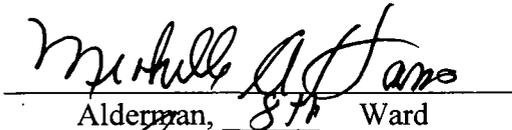
WHEREAS, The ability to carry concealed firearms in public will expose Chicago taxpayers to greater expenses associated with the increased number of firearms-related incidents that can be expected to occur; now, therefore,

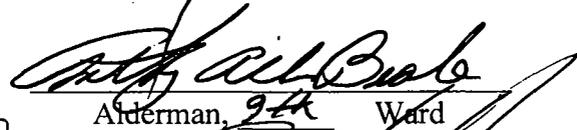
BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the Mayor and Members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, assembled this ninth day of March, 2011, do hereby urge the Illinois General Assembly to reject any legislation that would allow members of the public to carry concealed firearms on their person or in their vehicles; and

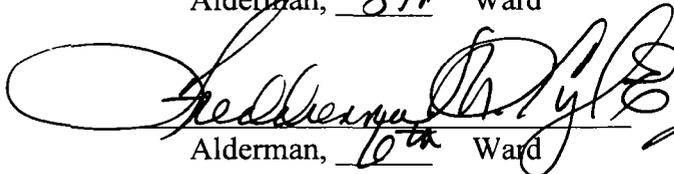
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we encourage the Governor of the State of Illinois to veto any such legislation if it should pass the General Assembly; and

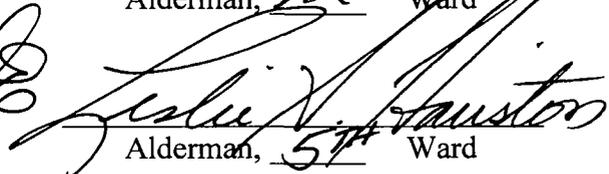
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be delivered to the Governor of the State of Illinois, the President of the Illinois Senate, the Minority Leader of the Illinois Senate, the Speaker of the Illinois House of Representatives, and the Minority Leader of the Illinois House of Representatives.


Richard M. Daley
Mayor of the City of Chicago


Alderman, 8th Ward


Alderman, 9th Ward


Alderman, 10th Ward


Alderman, 5th Ward

John Jones
Alderman, 18th Ward

John A. Pops
Alderman, 10th Ward

Debrah Johnson
Alderman, 27th Ward

Mary Ann Smith
Alderman, 48 Ward

Erna Mite 37
Alderman, Ward

Helen Skeller
Alderman, 46 Ward

Jamesa Boley
Alderman, 1 Ward

Landi Jackson
Alderman, Ward

Steve Fort
Alderman, 15 Ward

Jim Perry 44
Alderman, 44 Ward

Glenn Thompson
Alderman, 16 Ward

Carrie M. Austin
Alderman, 27 Ward

Ray Ann
Alderman, 12th Ward

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Alderman, 42nd Ward

Gene Adams
Alderman, 47 Ward

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Alderman, 35 Ward

Cathy J. Lee
Alderman, 45 Ward

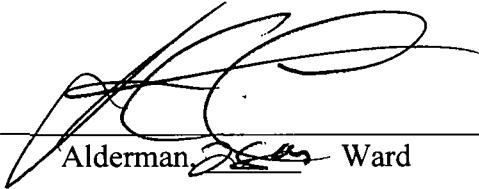
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Alderman, 25th Ward

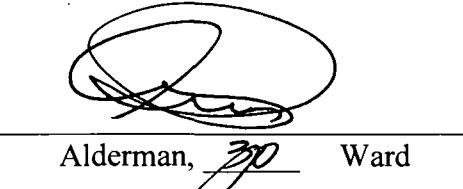
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Alderman, 40th Ward

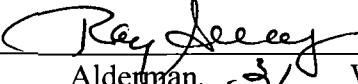
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Alderman, 24th Ward

M. G. ...
Alderman, 38th Ward

Walter ...
Alderman, 27 Ward

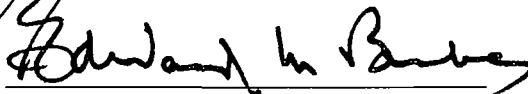

Alderman, 32 Ward

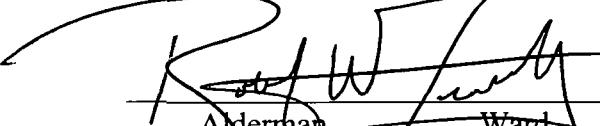

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Alderman, 31 Ward


Alderman, 32 Ward

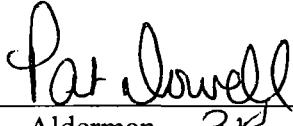

Alderman, 35 1/2 Ward


Alderman, 14 Ward

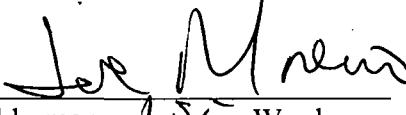

Alderman, 2nd Ward


Alderman, 4th Ward


Alderman, 17 Ward


Alderman, 3 1/2 Ward


Alderman, 190 Ward


Alderman, 15 1/2 Ward

Alderman, _____ Ward