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for her heroic life saving rescue

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OFFICE OF THE MAYOR  
CITY OF CHICAGO

RAHM EMANUEL  
MAYOR

November 2, 2011

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

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith a congratulatory resolution concerning the Chicago Police Department.

*Your favorable consideration of this resolution will be appreciated.*

Very truly yours,

Mayor

# A resolution

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



Presented by MAYOR RAHM EMANUEL on NOVEMBER 2, 2011

**Whereas**, On Wednesday, August 1, 2011, the quick thinking of 24<sup>th</sup> District Police Officer Elizabeth Read (Star #8730) saved the life of a senior citizen; and

**WHEREAS**, An elderly woman was enjoying her breakfast at the local coffee shop located at Howard and Western Avenues, when she began to choke on a piece of food that became lodged in her throat; and

**WHEREAS**, Officer Read, who, fortunately, was in the coffee shop at the same time, noticed the woman in distress and, after assessing the situation, immediately sprang into action, rushing over to aid the woman; and

**WHEREAS**, When she reached the woman, Officer Read observed that the woman could not breathe and was on the verge of unconsciousness; and

**WHEREAS**, Realizing that there was no time to lose, Officer Read, using her knowledge and training, positioned herself behind the woman and administered the Heimlich maneuver, successfully dislodging the obstruction and allowing the woman to begin breathing again; and

**WHEREAS**, When the woman, who suffered from asthma and other health issues, continued to experience distress and coughing, Officer Read stayed with the woman until she calmed down and her breathing returned to normal; and

**WHEREAS**, The rescue of this elderly woman would not have been possible if not for the outstanding lifesaving procedures performed by Officer Read; and

**WHEREAS**, Officer Read's quick thinking and cool head have earned her the respect and admiration of all Chicagoans; now, therefore,

**BE IT RESOLVED**, That we, the Mayor and Members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, assembled this second day of November, 2011, do hereby take great pleasure in honoring Police Officer Elizabeth Read for her heroic efforts; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to Police Officer Elizabeth Read, and placed on permanent record in her personnel file, as a token of our esteem.



*Ral Emanuel*  
MAYOR

*Susana A. Mendez*  
CITY CLERK