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**RESOLUTION DECLARING THE FIRST SUNDAY IN DECEMBER AS
"TOYS FOR TOTS DAY IN CHICAGO"**

Whereas, 2010 marks the 33rd Anniversary of the Chicagoland Toys For Tots Motorcycle Parade which is the largest of its kind in the world, 2010 is also the 63rd anniversary of the U.S. Marine Corps Toys for Tots program, and;

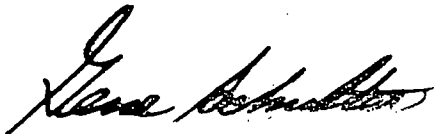
Whereas, the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve coordinates the national Toys for Tots program with local units working in concert with communities and with recognized local social welfare agencies throughout the United States to customize each campaign to local needs, and;

Whereas, since 1978 the Chicagoland Toys for Tots Motorcycle Parade has conducted its annual event, first led by U.S. Marine Corps Veteran Ed "Aminal" Wisniewski and five other individuals. Eventually developing into a Chicagoland tradition involving tens of thousands of motorcyclists with many other donors, volunteer workers, corporations, small businesses, and officials of the private and public sector all donating their time, energies and moneys towards making a joyful Christmas holiday for children and organizations in need in the Chicagoland area.

Whereas, on Sunday December 5th, 2010 hundreds of volunteers of the wonderful Chicagoland Toys for Tots Motorcycle Parade gathered at the Dan Ryan Woods Grove at 85th and Western Avenue on Chicago's South Side. Whereby, they orchestrated this motorcade to De Vry University on Chicago's North Side. They were led by the "Jolly Old Elf" and thousands of toy-bearing motorcyclists, to assist the U.S. Marine Corps Toys For Tots program. These brand new toys being delivered via motorcycles will eventually be distributed to needy children throughout Chicagoland in time for Christmas, and;

Whereas, the leaders of this great City of Chicago join the volunteers of Chicagoland Toys for Tots Motorcycle Parade and the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots program in the motto and sentiment that "Every Needy Child Deserves A Brand New Toy For Christmas."

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that we, the Mayor and members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, gathered this 13th day of January, 2011 call public attention to the Chicagoland Toys for Tots Motorcycle Parade's 33rd Anniversary and the U.S. Marine Corps Toys for Tots Program 63rd Anniversary and in that regard do hereby declare that the 1st Sunday in December be known as
TOYS FOR TOTS DAY IN CHICAGO.



Gene Schulner
Alderman, 47th Ward

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