



City of Chicago



R2022-391

Office of the City Clerk

Document Tracking Sheet

Meeting Date:	4/27/2022
Sponsor(s):	Burke (14)
Type:	Resolution
Title:	Recognition of Save Our Allies' rescue of Fox News Correspondent Benjamin Hall from Ukraine
Committee(s) Assignment:	

Resolution

WHEREAS, "Save Our Allies" is being recognized for their heroic actions by rescuing Fox News Correspondent, Benjamin Hall from behind enemy lines in Ukraine after being severely injured in an attack outside Kyiv; and

WHEREAS, The Chicago City Council has been informed of their actions by Alderman Edward M. Burke; and

WHEREAS, Save Our Allies is a nonprofit organization that assists in rescuing American Citizens, Permanent Resident, SIV Holders and other special populations from conflict zones and contested areas; and

WHEREAS, Save Our Allies was founded by four civilian friends, Chad Robichaux, Sarah Verardo, Nick Palmisciano and Tim Kennedy who focused on a common goal of responding to the humanitarian crisis in Afghanistan; and

WHEREAS, What began as one man saving another rapidly grew into something even greater by rescuing over 12,000 deserving people. Save Our Allies receives resources from their hosts and from the United States Government; and

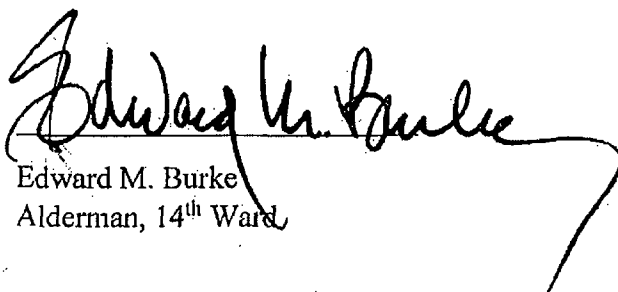
WHEREAS, To extract Benjamin Hall from the combat zone, Save Our Allies worked with the Pentagon and Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin, along with the Polish and Ukrainian militaries; and

WHEREAS, Co-Founder Sarah Verardo said the effort on the ground was led by a "special operations and intelligence veteran," as the team made sure Benjamin was stabilized and overseen by military personnel during the transport; and

WHEREAS, Save Our Allies should be recognized and honored for their heroic efforts by rescuing Benjamin Hall from behind enemy lines in Ukraine after being severely injured in an attack outside Kyiv; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the Mayor and members of the Chicago City Council, assembled this twenty-seventh day of April, 2022 do hereby recognize Save Our Allies for their heroic actions and selfless efforts in rescuing those most vulnerable caught behind enemy lines; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented Save Our Allies along with congratulations and best wishes of the City of Chicago, and be it further resolved, that April 27, 2022 be declared Save Our Allies Day throughout the City of Chicago.



Edward M. Burke
Alderman, 14th Ward