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OFFICE OF THE MAYOR  
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RAHM EMANUEL  
MAYOR

March 13, 2019

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

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith, together with Aldermen Reboyras, Sposato, Laurino, Napolitano, Silverstein, Pawar, Cappleman, Osterman and O'Connor, a congratulatory resolution concerning the Chicago Police Department.

Your favorable consideration of this resolution will be appreciated.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rahm Emanuel".

Mayor

# A resolution

adopted by *The City Council*

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Presented by Mayor Rahm Emanuel on March 13, 2019

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**WHEREAS**, This incident began when a man was walking his dog along Foster Beach. The individual had recently acquired a nine-month-old American Eskimo mix breed named Pika and was taking it for its first walk to the beach; and

**WHEREAS**, At some point during the walk, the man let his dog off its leash. The dog immediately bolted for the beach, where six to eight foot-high ice ridges had formed as a result of the very cold temperatures; and

**WHEREAS**, Pika reached the top of the ridge but lost its footing and plunged into the frigid waters of Lake Michigan; and

**WHEREAS**, In an effort to rescue his dog, the owner raced to the ice ridge and jumped into the freezing water, which was waist deep; and

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**WHEREAS,** One of these officers radioed for Chicago Police Department and Fire Department assistance. Multiple units responded. The officers on the scene formed a human chain to attempt rescue. These Chicago Police Officers are Alejandro Silva (Star # 1025), Adam Ocampo (Star # 17376), Miguel Deltoro (Star # 11540), Andrew Larson (Star # 9552), Eithan Ferman (Star # 18529) and Brian Richards (Star # 19379). Using the dog leash the passerby had, these brave police officers had the victim hold onto one end of the leash while they pulled on the other end. Finally their efforts paid off and they were able to pull him over the ice ridge to safety along with his dog, PiKa; and

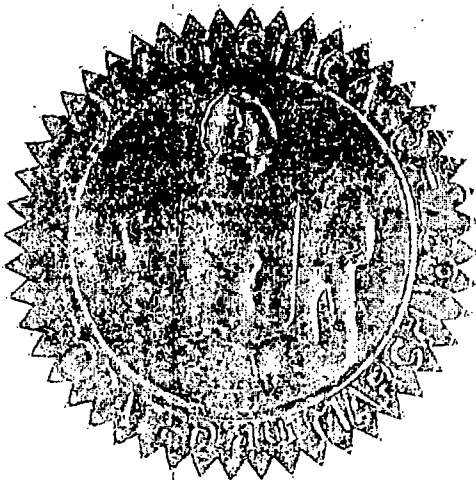
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**BE IT RESOLVED,** That we, the Mayor and Members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, assembled this thirteenth day of March, 2019, do hereby express our admiration and gratitude to these fine Chicago Police Officers for their heroic rescue on January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2019; and

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MAYOR

*Andrea M. Valencia*  
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