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**RESOLUTION CALLING FOR HEARINGS CONCERNING  
FIRE HYDRANT TAMPERING**

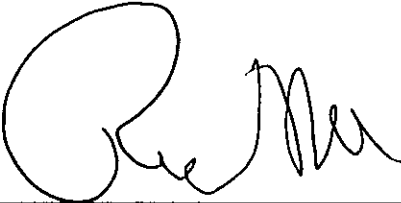
WHEREAS, A recent investigation by a local television news reporter revealed that criminal tampering with fire hydrants is becoming endemic in many communities; and

WHEREAS, With the economy in the worst condition since the Great Depression of 1929, vandals are removing vital brass fittings from city hydrants, rendering them useless for hooking up hoses in case of a fire or other emergency that may occur on many neighborhood blocks throughout this city. These petty thieves are then selling the fittings to unscrupulous scrap mongers who will pay them as much as twenty dollars a piece, and

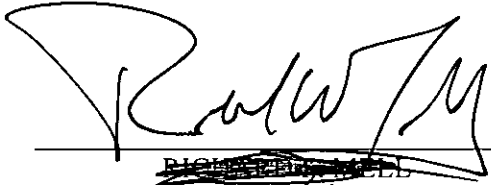
WHEREAS, It is incumbent upon this body to expeditiously craft an immediate end to such activities that imperil the lives of Chicago's citizens, now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED That we, the Mayor and members of the City Council gathered together this 5<sup>th</sup> Day of October, 2011 AD, do hereby call on the Honorable James A. Balcer, chairman of the Public Safety Committee to convene a public hearing to take the testimony of the officials of the Fire Department, the Department of Water Management and other interested parties in order to immediately ameliorate this ongoing threat to this city's health and safety.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That suitable copies of this resolution be prepared and given to the Honorable James A. Balcer, Fire Commissioner Robert Hoff and Water Management Commissioner Thomas E. Powers



RICHARD F. MELL  
Alderman - 33<sup>rd</sup> Ward

  
~~RICHARD F. MELL~~  
Alderman - 2<sup>nd</sup> Ward  
Robert W. Fioritti