

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Richard Guidice, the man who has overseen public safety operations at major events across Chicago the past four years, is retiring; and

WHEREAS, Rich, 54, has served as Executive Director of the City of Chicago's Office of Emergency Management and Communications ("OEMC") since 2019, coordinating efforts among numerous agencies in preparation for everything from snowstorms, COVID-19, Lollapalooza, and the Taste of Chicago; and

WHEREAS, OEMC manages the City of Chicago's 911 and 311 Call Centers, Emergency Management, Public Safety Information Technology, and the Traffic Management Authority, which includes traffic aides and crossing guards, as well as all administrative functions that support these areas of operations; and

WHEREAS, the Chicago City Council has been informed of his retirement by Alderman Edward M. Burke; and

WHEREAS, he is a native of Humboldt Park, and a graduate of Wilber Wright College with an Associate's Degree and a Bachelor's Degree from Northwestern University; and

WHEREAS, Rich's career with the City of Chicago has spanned 33 years, starting with a laborer construction position at the Chicago Board of Education from 1990 to 1998; and

WHEREAS, in 1998 he was appointed as Assistant Commissioner with the Department of General Services; and

WHEREAS, Rich went on to become Managing Deputy Director with the Mayor's office from 2001 to 2005; and

WHEREAS, in 2005 he was appointed Managing Deputy Director with OEMC; and

WHEREAS, Rich moved up as First Deputy Director in 2016 and was appointed Executive Director in 2019; and

WHEREAS, in Speaking with the Chicago Sun-Times in 2018 shortly before he was named head of OEMC, Rich called the job, "a 100% commitment, and I'll tell you that having this job, your phone will not stop ringing"; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the Mayor and the members of the Chicago City Council, assembled this nineteenth day of April, 2023, do hereby commend Rich for his faith, grace and humanity through a lifetime of public service, and congratulate him on his retirement, and wish him all the best as he continues with his mission; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to Richard Guidice as a sign of our respect and good wishes.

Edward M. Burke
Alderman, 14th Ward