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Title: Congratulations extended to Chicagoland Toys for Tots Motorcycle Parade's 40th anniversary and U.S. Marine Corps Toys for Tots 70th anniversary and declaration 1st Sunday in December "Toys For Tots Day" in Chicago

Committee(s) Assignment:

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

Whereas, 2017 marks the 40th Anniversary of the Chicagoland Toys For Tots Motorcycle Parade which is the largest of its kind in the world, 2017 is also the 70th 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 3rd 2017**, 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 DeVry 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 Child Deserves a Toy For Christmas.**"

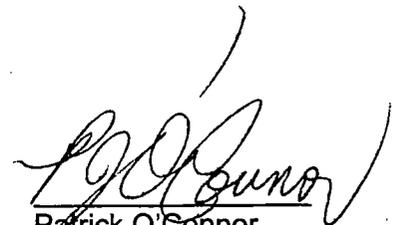
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that we, the Mayor and members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, gathered this 13th day of December, 2017 call public attention to the Chicagoland Toys for Tots Motorcycle Parade's 40th Anniversary and the U.S. Marine Corps Toys for Tots Program 70th Anniversary and in that regard do hereby declare that the 1st Sunday in December be known as:

TOYS FOR TOTS DAY IN CHICAGO.

Be It Further Resolved, that a suitable copy of this resolution be prepared and presented to the Chicagoland Toys for Tots Motorcycle Parade Organization.


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