



# City of Chicago



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<b>Title:</b>	Congratulations extended to Gerald J. Koch on retirement from Chicago Police Department
<b>Committee(s) Assignment:</b>	

**WHEREAS**, We, in this city of immigrants, this city of neighborhoods, this most American of all cities, are particularly cognizant of the "American Dream"; and

**WHEREAS**, Though seemingly fixed and inviolable, the complex social fabric of our great metropolis could be easily torn asunder were it not for the guardians of the public welfare; indeed, the guardians of the American Dream; and

**WHEREAS**, Dedication to and fulfillment of the motto of the Chicago Police Department – "We Serve and Protect" – exacts a substantial physical and emotional toll not only on the officers who must daily cope with the stress and danger of being life's arbitrator for countless citizens, but also on their family members; and

**WHEREAS**, Through professionalism and sacrifice, the members of the Chicago Police Department have provided us with one of the safest cities in the United States of America, allowing each of us to pursue our own version of the "American Dream" in safety and confidence; and

**WHEREAS**, The words of Sir Winston Churchill, "never was so much owed to so few" were never so apropos; and

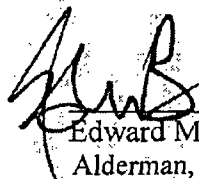
**WHEREAS**, Gerald J. Koch, Star 715, began his illustrious career with the Chicago Police Department on March 26, 1990; and

**WHEREAS**, Gerald officially retired on May 15, 2021, as a Lieutenant assigned to the 008<sup>th</sup> District; and

**WHEREAS**, Lieutenant Koch devoted 31 years of his life in service to the people of the City of Chicago and in doing so has personally ensured that the City of Chicago is the safe, healthy and vibrant community it is today; now, therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that we, the Mayor and the members of the Chicago City Council assembled this Fourteenth day of October, 2021, do hereby express our gratitude and heartfelt appreciation to Lieutenant Gerald J. Koch on the occasion of his retirement for his dedication, professionalism and personal sacrifice that he provided during his 31 years of public service; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to Lieutenant Gerald J. Koch.



Edward M. Burke  
Alderman, 14<sup>th</sup> Ward