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Title: Recognition extended to Polish American Association for efforts against domestic violence and congratulations on launch of Shelter Her women's shelter

Committee(s) Assignment:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Founded in 1922, the Polish American Association (PAA) remains the nation's only human services organization capable of providing a comprehensive and effective range of bilingual and bicultural services to the Polish community and others in need; and,

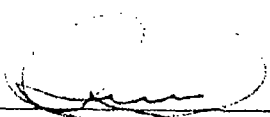
WHEREAS, the Polish American Association, whose mission remains serving the eclectic needs of the Polish community in this Chicago metro area, effectively doing so by providing resources for changing and vastly improving the quality of life of these Polish immigrants; and

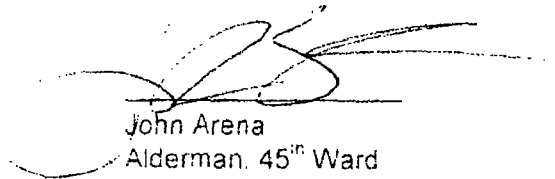
WHEREAS, Domestic violence continues to pose a prevalent threat to our community. The PAA's implementation of the Domestic Violence Program has provided direct assistance to Polish-speaking immigrant women that are victims of domestic abuse who are unable to seek services elsewhere due to a language barrier. This organization has provided invaluable services to women of this community, such as counseling; assistance in filing police reports, assistance in obtaining civil Orders of Protection, even providing services such as art therapy to children bearing witness to violence; and,

WHEREAS, As an advocate for domestic violence, the PAA has afforded its services to approximately 180 women and children a year, yet roughly 50% of those served are in need of temporary safe shelter. In order to raise awareness to this ever pressing issue, the Polish American Association will be hosting an inaugural event on the 10th day of July 2014th, entitled *Shelter Her*, to call attention to this special project to give women another secure option, and therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the Mayor and members of the City Council of the City of Chicago gathered here this 25th day of June 2014 AD, do hereby congratulate the Polish American Association for all of its esteemed efforts in the fight against Domestic Violence and for the launch of its Shelter Her inaugural event for a Women's shelter for the Polish American Association this July 10th 2014 AD; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be prepared and presented to the Polish American Association.


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