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Committee on Finance Alderman Brendan Reilly, 42nd Ward September 12, 2012 City Council Meeting Resolution

WHEREAS, Us TOO International is the largest prostate cancer education and support network in the world, dedicated to providing unbiased and up-to-date information about the disease to prostate cancer patients and the people who love them; and

WHEREAS, Us TOO was founded in 1990 in Downers Grove Illinois by five men who had been diagnosed with and treated for prostate cancer and determined there was no place to go for prostate cancer patients to learn about the most current treatments for the disease or no place to receive the loving care and support so important to men battling this terrible cancer and so established this well respected and internationally known not-for-profit organization to provide those services; and

WHEREAS, with the active support of Us TOO, September was designated as National Prostate Cancer Awareness Month and that during this September Us TOO will be establishing the *First Annual Us TOO Prostate Cancer Awareness Week in Chicago* from September 15th to 23rd, 2012 that begins with the 8th Annual *SEA Blue Run/Walk* in Lincoln Park on Sunday September 16th and ends with a live concert by *The Original Blues Brothers Band* at the Park West Theater on September 22nd; and

WHEREAS, the 8th Annual SEA Blue Run/Walk brings together over 2,000 prostate cancer patients, family and friends to put their support and commitment to this important cause into action with their donations and participation and to spread the word that Blue is the nationally recognized color of prostate cancer just as pink is the color for breast cancer and where SEA Blue stands for Support, Educate and Advocate; and

WHEREAS, *The Original Blues Brother Band* founded by Dan Ackroyd and the late John Belushi as a skit on Saturday Night Live and glorified the City of Chicago in their legendary 1985 movie that made the band the most recognizable brand name in the hallowed world of the blues and the capital of blues music, Chicago; and

WHEREAS, *The Original Blues Brothers Band* has agreed to perform a live concert at the Park West Theater on September 22nd to benefit Us TOO International and continue the effort to make men aware of the importance of early detection through regular screening and through the use of blues and R&B music to spread the message of prostate cancer awareness and screening; and

WHEREAS, The Honorable Brendan Reilly, Alderman for the 42nd, has appraised this august body of these significant events being offered by this prestigious local charity and servant to all men with prostate cancer; now, therefore,

BE IT BE RESOLVED, That we, the Mayor and members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, gathered here on the twelfth day of September 2012 A.D., do hereby proclaim the month of September 15th to 23rd as Prostate Cancer Awareness Week in Chicago; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be prepared and presented to Us TOO International.

Brendan Reilly

Alderman, 42nd Ward