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OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
CITY OF CHICAGO

RAHM EMANUEL
MAYOR

July 20, 2016

TO THE HONORABLE, THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith a congratulatory resolution concerning OEMC Executive Director Gary Schenkel on the occasion of his retirement.

Your favorable consideration of this resolution will be appreciated.

Very truly yours,

Mayor



RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Gary Schenkel has officially announced his retirement as Executive Director of the Chicago Office of Emergency Management and Communications following over four decades of dedicated public service; and

WHEREAS, A 29-year veteran of the United States Marine Corps, Gary Schenkel retired as a Lieutenant Colonel in 2000 after serving primarily in infantry units, garnering significant leadership experience, developing nuclear response plans, and executing large-scale logistical projects; and

WHEREAS, Prior to retiring from the Marine Corps, Gary Schenkel served as Operations Officer at the Marine Corps Warfighting Laboratory in Quantico, Virginia, where he focused on transformational and cultural change, urban combat and long-range planning; and

WHEREAS, Following his service with the United States Marine Corps, Gary Schenkel served as the Assistant Deputy Superintendent of the Chicago Police Department from 2000 until 2004, where he was one of only two civilians in the department's history to be given operational command over uniformed officers in the department. Significantly, he headed the department's anti-terrorism efforts following the attacks of September 11, 2001; and

WHEREAS. While serving as Assistant Federal Security Director for the Transportation Security Administration at Chicago Midway Airport from 2004 until 2007, Gary Schenkel ensured the highest levels of security at Midway Airport and oversaw strategic planning and business management of Transportation Security Administration operations; and

WHEREAS, Gary Schenkel was responsible for the safety and security of federal property and assets during his time as the Director of the Federal Protective Service for the U.S. Department of Homeland Security from 2007 until 2010, before serving as the Acting Assistant Secretary for State and Local Law Enforcement of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security Headquarters until 2011; and

WHEREAS, In 2011, Mayor Rahm Emanuel appointed Gary Schenkel as the City's Executive Director of the Chicago Office of Emergency Management and Communications; and

WHEREAS, Over the past five years as Executive Director, Gary Schenkel also served as a member of the American Red Cross of Chicago and Northern Illinois Board of Directors, the Department of Homeland Security Science and Technology Advisory Committee, and the State of Illinois' Broadband Deployment Council, and

WHEREAS, Under Gary Schenkel's fine leadership, the Office of Emergency Management and Communications has ensured the efficient and effective coordination of resources for thousands of events over the past five years and established a portfolio of best practices that the City of Chicago will follow for years to come; and

WHEREAS, The hard work, sacrifice and dedication of Gary Schenkel serve as an example to all; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the Mayor and Members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, assembled this twentieth day of July, 2016, do hereby express our sincere gratitude to Gary Schenkel on over four decades of dedicated public service, and do hereby express our best wishes for his continued good health, happiness and prosperity; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to Gary Schenkel as a token of our esteem and respect.