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## City Council Document Tracking Sheet

**Meeting Date:** 2/13/2013

**Sponsor(s):** Burke, Edward M. (14)

**Type:** Resolution

**Title:** Congratulations extended to Chicago Polar Plunge on 13 years of success and Declaration of March 3, 2013 as "Polar Plunge Day" in Chicago.

**Committee(s) Assignment:**

## ***RESOLUTION***

***WHEREAS***, The Thirteenth Annual Chicago Polar Plunge will be held at 10 a.m. on March 3, 2013, at the North Avenue Beach; and

***WHEREAS***, The Chicago City Council has been informed of this event by Alderman Edward M. Burke; and

***WHEREAS***, Since its inception, many thousands of spirited participants have plunged into the icy waters of Lake Michigan to support Special Children's Charities, an organization that provides funding for Special Olympics Chicago; and

***WHEREAS***, Special Olympics Chicago fosters the physical and mental health of children and adults with disabilities and provides them with sports training and competitions which allow them to share their gifts, skills, and friendship; and

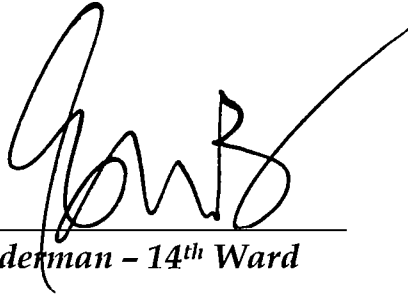
***WHEREAS***, The Special Olympics mission has deep roots in the City of Chicago where the first International Special Olympics Games were held in 1968 at Soldier Field; and

***WHEREAS***, The Chicago Polar Plunge serves as a major fundraising event for Special Children's Charities and raises money for the nearly 5,000 athletes; and

***WHEREAS***, All of Chicago is invited to come to North Avenue Beach to participate in this event to support this remarkable organization; now, therefore

***BE IT RESOLVED***, That we, the Mayor and the members of the Chicago City Council, assembled this thirteenth day of February, 2013, do hereby congratulate the Chicago Polar Plunge on thirteen years of success and do hereby declare March 3, 2013 to be *Polar Plunge Day* in the City of Chicago; and

***BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED***, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to James "Skinny" Sheahan, President of Special Children's Charities.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "J. B. B.", is written over a horizontal line. The signature is stylized and cursive.

***Alderman - 14<sup>th</sup> Ward***