



# City of Chicago



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**Sponsor(s):** Burke (14)

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**Title:** Congratulations extended to Special Olympics Chicago on 46th anniversary and declaration of July 2014, as "Special Olympics Chicago Month" in Chicago

**Committee(s) Assignment:**

## **RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, Special Olympics Chicago will celebrate its 46<sup>th</sup> Anniversary during July of 2014; and

**WHEREAS**, Special Olympics Chicago was organized by the Honorable Anne M. Burke and supported by Eunice Kennedy Shriver and the Joseph P. Kennedy Foundation; and

**WHEREAS**, The first summer games were held on July 20, 1968 at Soldier Field and attended by 1,000 athletes from 26 states and Canada; and

**WHEREAS**, The Honorable Anne M. Burke knew well the benefits of sports as it pertains to the development of individuals with special needs; and

**WHEREAS**, The Honorable Anne M. Burke grew up participating in Chicago Park District programs that included track, field, swimming and baton lessons; and

**WHEREAS**, The Honorable Anne M. Burke's work teaching children with special needs and involvement with organizations helping young people propelled her to establish Special Olympics Chicago; and

**WHEREAS**, Over the years the Honorable Anne M. Burke has furthered the mission of Special Olympics Chicago which is dedicated to building a community of acceptance and inclusion for all; and

**WHEREAS**, Special Olympics Chicago works in tandem with the Chicago Public Schools and the Chicago Park District to accomplish this goal; and

**WHEREAS**, Special Olympics Chicago has grown to serve more than 5,000 athletes annually through 22 different athletic competitions; and

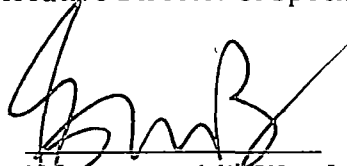
**WHEREAS**, Special Olympics Chicago fosters the physical and mental health of children and adults with disabilities and provides them with sports training and competitions that allow them to share their gifts, skills, and friendship; and

**WHEREAS**, During more than four-and-a-half decades of service, Special Olympics Chicago has enriched the lives of countless special needs children and adults ; now, therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED**, That we, the Mayor and the members of the Chicago City Council, assembled this twenty-fifth day of June, 2014, do hereby recognize this important

milestone and do hereby declare that the month of July, 2014, shall be officially recognized as *Special Olympics Chicago Month* throughout the City of Chicago; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** That a suitable parchment copy of this resolution be presented to Susan Nicholl, Executive Director of Special Olympics Chicago.



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