



# City of Chicago



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**Sponsor(s):** Burke (14)  
Laurino (39)

**Type:** Resolution

**Title:** Commemoration of September 17, 2016 as "Earthquake  
Remembrance Day" in Chicago

**Committee(s) Assignment:**

## **RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, An earthquake struck Central Italy on August 24, 2016, resulting in massive loss of life, homelessness and destruction; and

**WHEREAS**, In the wake of this tragedy, Chicago restaurants quickly began raising relief funds for Italy as well as other local organizations; and

**WHEREAS**, The Chicago City Council has been informed of these efforts by Aldermen Edward M. Burke and Margaret Laurino; and

**WHEREAS**, The Chicago restaurants donating proceeds include Ceres' Table, Eataly, Filini Bar and Restaurant, Forno Rosso, Monastero's Ristorante & Banquets, Nico Osteria, Il Porcellino, and Trattoria Gianni; and

**WHEREAS**, Each restaurant created special dishes and a portion of the proceeds were donated to the Italian Red Cross and other earthquake relief efforts; and

**WHEREAS**, Among the specials prepared was the dish spaghetti all'amatriciana which originated in Amatrice, one of the villages most damaged in the quake; and

**WHEREAS**, Through their efforts, area restaurants joined a worldwide campaign to bring aid to victims of the earthquake in Central Italy; and

**WHEREAS**, The Joint Civic Committee of Italian Americans also quickly mobilized to raise money for relief; and

**WHEREAS**, The Joint Civic Committee of Italian Americans has partnered with Volare Ristorante Italiano, the Shrine of Our Lady of Pompeii and the Milan Committee of Chicago Sister Cities International to host a fundraiser for the victims which will be held on Saturday, September 17, 2016; and

**WHEREAS**, Three major towns in Italy were destroyed and left a death toll of almost 300 people; and

**WHEREAS**, The Chicagoland area closely watched the unfolding crisis in Italy because it is home to a half-million residents of Italian descent who proudly celebrate their heritage; and

**BE IT RESOLVED**, That we, the Mayor and the members of the Chicago City Council, assembled this fourteenth day of September, 2016, do hereby stand in solidarity with the people of the Italy as they recover from this devastating tragedy; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That we further recognize local efforts in Chicago to support relief efforts; and

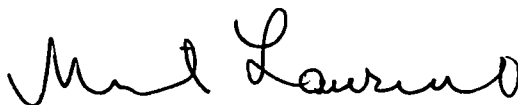
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That September 17, 2016, shall be officially recognized as "Earthquake Remembrance Day" throughout the City of Chicago; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to Giuseppe Finocchiaro, Consul General of Italy to Chicago.



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



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**Alderman - 39<sup>th</sup> Ward**