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and large ammunition magazines

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City Council
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**SUPPORTING GOV. QUINN's EFFORTS IN BANNING ASSAULT WEAPONS AND
LARGE CAPACITY AMMUNITION MAGAZINES**

WHEREAS, the Federal Assault Weapons Ban expired in 2004; and

WHEREAS, any person with a Firearm Owner Identification (FOID) card in the State of Illinois has the ability to purchase an assault weapon such as an AK-47 or AR-15 or a .50 caliber sniper rifle; and

WHEREAS, the State of Illinois does not currently impose any restrictions on the purchase or possession of large capacity ammunition magazines; and

WHEREAS, the recent shooting in Aurora, Colorado, demonstrates the need to prevent an individual from stockpiling assault weapons and large ammunition magazines, and the assailant in that case obtained all weapons and ammunition magazines legally; and

WHEREAS, the recent shooting at the Sikh Temple in Oak Creek, Wisconsin, demonstrates the need to prevent an individual from stockpiling large capacity ammunition magazines; While the assailant in this case did not use an assault weapon, his actions should compel us to examine ways to better track large purchases of ammunition; and

WHEREAS, the recent news reports detailing straw purchases of guns and ammunition and the use of these weapons in violent crimes in Chicago demands action. Stronger language pertaining to straw purchases should be addressed in Municipal Code of the City of Chicago. Additionally, there should be greater cooperation between municipalities to address straw purchase of guns; and

WHEREAS, the United States Supreme Court held that the scope of the Second Amendment right is not without limitations, and the court has recognized firearm regulations prohibiting a category of "dangerous and unusual weapons;" and

WHEREAS, assault weapons and large capacity ammunition magazines serve no practical purpose except wounding and/or killing people; and

WHEREAS, Governor Pat Quinn has submitted amendatory veto language to SB 681 that prohibits the manufacture, possession, delivery, sale and purchase of semi-automatic assault weapons, assault weapon attachments, .50 caliber rifles, .50 caliber cartridges and increases the penalty for crimes associated with these weapons; and

BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the Mayor and City Council of Chicago, assembled on this 12th Day of September 2012, do hereby show our support for Governor Quinn's efforts to ban assault weapons and large ammunition magazines in Illinois, call upon the Illinois State Legislature,

Illinois State Senate and Congress of the United States to ban assault weapons and large-capacity ammunition magazines to help prevent further gun violence in our city, state and country.

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Ald. Leslie E. Johnson - 45th

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