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Congratulations extended to 2015 Special Olympics  
International World Games USA Soccer (Football) Team  
members Michael Henderson, Israel Rivera, Keith Tyler and  
Antonio Williams on Bronze Medal victory

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OFFICE OF THE MAYOR  
CITY OF CHICAGO

RAHM EMANUEL  
MAYOR

September 24, 2015

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

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith, together with Aldermen Thompson, Burke, O'Shea, Taliaferro and Joe Moore, a congratulatory resolution concerning the Bronze Medal Winners for the Special Olympics World Games Football/Soccer competition.

Your favorable consideration of this resolution will be appreciated.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rahm Emanuel".

Mayor

# A resolution

adopted by *The City Council*  
of the *City of Chicago, Illinois*



Presented by ALDERMEN PATRICK D. THOMPSON, EDWARD M. BURKE,  
MATT O'SHEA, CHRISTOPHER TALIAFERRO, AND  
MAYOR RAHM EMANUEL on SEPTEMBER 24, 2015

**Whereas**, The desire to meet a challenge, to excel through dedication and hard work and to triumph over adversity is perhaps humanity's most cherished and noble quality; and

**WHEREAS**, The Special Olympics International World Games were held in Los Angeles, California this year from July 25 through August 1; and

**WHEREAS**, Special Olympics originated in Illinois, with the first games being held at Soldier Field in July of 1968, thanks to the efforts of Justice Anne M. Burke, Eunice Kennedy Shriver and others; and

**WHEREAS**, The mission of Special Olympics Illinois is to provide year-round sports training and athletic competition in a variety of Olympic-type sports for children and adults with intellectual disabilities; and

**WHEREAS**, Special Olympics now has more than 4.4 million athletes, representing 170 countries; and

**WHEREAS**, Four athletes were selected from Chicago to represent the United States in the Special Olympics soccer competition this year; and

**WHEREAS**, The selected athletes were Keith Tyler of Kosciuszko Park, and Israel Rivera, Antonio Williams, and Michael Henderson of Loyola Park; and

**WHEREAS**, Along with their other teammates, these young men won the Bronze Medal in soccer; and

**WHEREAS**, Keith Tyler, Israel Rivera, Antonio Williams and Michael Henderson have demonstrated courage and brought joy, excitement and friendship to the Special Olympics. These gifted athletes have inspired others in countless ways; and

**WHEREAS**, All four of these outstanding individuals have been involved in Special Olympics for many years: Keith Tyler for 21 years, Israel Rivera for 10 years, Antonio Williams for 19 years and Michael Henderson for 10 years; and

**WHEREAS**, All of Chicago is proud of these young athletes and their accomplishments, and we wish them well in the future; now, therefore,

**BE IT RESOLVED**, That we, the Mayor and Members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, assembled this twenty-fourth day of September, 2015, do hereby congratulate Keith Tyler, Israel Rivera, Antonio Williams and Michael Henderson on their tremendous victory as Bronze Medal winners in the Special Olympics World Games Football/Soccer competition in 2015. We also wish to congratulate their coaches: Jose Herrera, of Loyola Park, and Eileen Guinane, of Kosciuszko Park, under the guidance of the Chicago Park District Special Olympics Manager, Michael Benavente; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That suitable copies of this resolution be presented to these four fine young men as a sign of our respect and good wishes.



*Ral Emanuel*  
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MAYOR

*Susma A. Mendez*  
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