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City Council Declares November National Runaway Prevention Month

WHEREAS, Metro-Help was established in 1971 to fill a need for comprehensive crisis Intervention for young people in Chicago; and

WHEREAS, In 1974, the agency received an eight-month federal demonstration grant to Establish a national hotline. During this time, 11,000 calls were received demonstrating the need for this type of service; and

WHEREAS, National Runaway Prevention Month (NRPM) is spearheaded each year by the National Runaway Safeline (NRS) and National Network for Youth (NN4Y) ; and

WHEREAS, NRPM raises awareness of the runaway and homeless youth crisis and the issues that these young people face, as well as educates the public about solutions and the role they can play in ending youth homelessness; and

WHEREAS, The crisis services are available 24-hours a day, 7 days a week and 365 days a year throughout the United States and its territories; and

WHEREAS, NRS makes 250,000 connections to help and bring hope through its hotline, online and offline services; and

WHEREAS, NRS has a free 14-module curriculum available in English and Spanish. It is a curriculum which consists of evidence-based assistance to help build life skills, increase awareness & knowledge about runaway resources and prevention; and

WHEREAS, NRS provides education and solution-focused interventions, offers non-sectarian, non-judgmental support, respects confidentiality, collaborates with volunteers, and responds to at-risk youth and their families; and

WHEREAS, NRS also provides services to siblings, teachers, officers, agency personnel, and anyone who is impacted by the runaway youth; and

WHEREAS, NRS provides services from crisis intervention, information, referrals, conference calls, message services, and Home Free (which has helped more than 15,000 youth reunite with their family); and

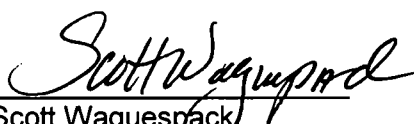
WHEREAS, The Green Light Project is a symbol for National Runaway Prevention Month and has been supported in the past with events such as a special NRPM message on the Wrigley Field Marquee and the lighting green of the Empire State Building in NYC; and

WHEREAS, In 2016, over 350,000 connections were made through social media using the #NRPM2016, further expanding the reach of the NRPM message and support for runaway and homeless youth; and

WHEREAS, NRPM began in October 2002. President Bush hosted the landmark White House Conference on Exploited and Runaway Children, where leaders from across the country convened to discuss issues and challenges related to the runaway and homeless youth crisis; and

BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the Mayor and members of the Chicago City Council, gathered here on this 8th day of November, 2017, do hereby recognize November as National Runaway Awareness Month; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be prepared and presented to National Runaway Switchboard.



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