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Title:	Gratitude extended to National Safety Council on effort to combat Opioid epidemic
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RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, pursuant to its home rule power, the City of Chicago may exercise any power and perform any function relating to its government and affairs including the power to regulate for the protection of the public health, safety, morals, and welfare; and

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WHEREAS, the National Safety Council is hosting a memorial to recognize those individuals who fell victim to opioid addiction; and

WHEREAS, the memorial will be erected 1714 N. Damen Avenue, in the Wicker Park neighborhood, and will be open from November 10-16, noon to 8:00 p.m. daily; and

WHEREAS, the memorial aims to provide visitors with a sense of urgency and encourage them to take action in their own lives to help stop opioid addiction and overdose; and

WHEREAS, the memorial was created to give visitors an immersive and powerful representation of this growing epidemic; and

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