# Office of the City Clerk

City Hall
121 N. LaSalle St.
Room 107
Chicago, IL 60602
www.chicityclerk.com

## Legislation Details (With Text)

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| **File #:** | R2017-917 | | |
| **Type:** | Resolution | **Status:** | Adopted |
| **File created:** | 11/8/2017 | **In control:** | City Council |
| | | **Final action:** | 11/8/2017 |
| **Title:** | Congratulations extended to volunteer members of Chicago Fire Department on humanitarian mission to Puerto Rico | | |
| **Sponsors:** | Emanuel, Rahm, Reboyras, Ariel, Burke, Edward M., Sposato, Nicholas, Villegas, Gilbert, Santiago, Milagros, Maldonado, Roberto, Moreno, Proco Joe, Solis, Daniel, Ramirez-Rosa, Carlos, Curtis, Derrick G., Munoz, Ricardo, Lopez, Raymond A., Napolitano, Anthony V., Cardenas, George A., Waguespack, Scott, Arena, John, Sadlowski Garza, Susan, Pawar, Ameya, Mell, Deborah | | |
| **Indexes:** | COMMENDATIONS & DECLARATIONS | | |
| **Attachments:** | 1. R2017-917.pdf | | |

| Date | Ver. | Action By | Action | Result |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 11/8/2017 | 1 | City Council | Rules Suspended - Immediate Consideration | |
| 11/8/2017 | | City Council | Adopted | Pass |

### OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

CITY OF CHICAGO

RAHM EMANUEL
MAYOR

November 8, 2017

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

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith, together with Aldermen Reboyras, Burke, Sposato, Villegas, Santiago, Maldonado, Moreno, Solis, Rosa, Curtis, Munoz, Lopez, Napolitano, Cardenas, Waguespack, Arena, Garza, Pawar and Mell, a congratulatory resolution concerning the Chicago Fire Department.

Your favorable consideration of this resolution will be appreciated.

Mayor

Very truly yours,

# *H resolution*

## *adopted by Tlie Qity QoUHcil*

## *°ffa Gity of Qkicago, Illinois*

*J^JreSented by*    *qnd Mayor Rahmi Emanuel*                    *Qft*

Aldermen Milagros Santiago, Susan Sadlowski Garza, Daniel Splis, Ariel Reboyras, Gilbert Villegas, Joe Moreno, John Arena, Edward M. Burke, Anthony V. Napolitano, Ameya Pawar, George; A. Cardenas, Raymond A. Lopez, Niabofcis.Sposato. Derrick G. Curtis, Ricardo Munoz, Roberto Maldonado, Carlos Ramirez-Rosa, Scott Waguespack
*                                              '                        November 8,2017


\BVB01S <file:///BVB01S> • In the span of less than two -weeks, Puerto Rico was stricken by two of the mbsfbdwerf^

WHEREAS, On September 7, Hurricane Irma, q Category'5 storm, struck a'-catastrophic blow to Puerto Rico, flattening homes, cqusing';fiobdingI^ widespread ..destruction, and.leaving more than 1.million residents without power; and .    .    . .. .
;devdsjatingv sustained winds thdt gusted tb-155 mph. Hurricane Mdriq pummeled Puerto
"Rico, 'flooding "dnd\'desXrbyihg7oqds,' hbmesr.dh.d'" busi'nesse's,; q'rjd :kri;qckirvg out the⸱
Island's power grid; and        v:',                    ^'v-'  ■   ■■•'"'ʳ ■'" ■      '■: .•  '"'^'v;;⸱

WHEREAS, Coming on the' heels of* Hurricane;'!      jHurricaR^'Mqnal's dest}uGtiveʳʳ

Impact 'largely destroyed many ..neighborhoods ⸱^a;hd "cbm'm            qrid :Meft :mjiljph.s.
'••without efec\r\c\ty, running wdte>, food, s'helt"er/6r any communication se7vices;:and " "':

*WHEREAS, ■'Hurricane Maria is one of the costliest ndturdl disasters to ever hit Puerto*
*Island's infrastructure, further hindering relief efforts; and ⸱-              . /            •-"' "*

*WHEREAS, Through a partnership the City of 'Chicago hps 'developed with Puerto'*
*Rico, Puerto Rican .officials requested assistance from the City-Jpt'ldisqsfer relief efforts, qn^*
*' the Island¹. Several .City and community leaders began collaborating to 'deliver the type*
*of assistance Puerto Rico needed most; arid                .;■;:■      ■'-_-;     . ■'•.;'..../."■ ?*

" ' WHEREAS; Upon hearing about the devastating effects Hyrricdne;;M:drid had dn; Puerto Rico, and the ongoing and growing humanitarian crisis on the Island, several Chicago Fire Department personnel expressed an interest in volunteering -their time and sen/ices in'Puerto Rico. Volunteers solicited donations from locdl businesses of items to bring and distribute to those suffering; and

WHEREAS, On October 4, 2017, a group of twenty-two volunteers, made up of firefighters, paramedics, EMTs and engineers from the Chicago Fire Department, and joined by Alderman Ariel Reboyras, embarked on a ten-day mission trip, bringing much-needed supplies, such as food, water, defibrillators, stretchers, communication equipment, flashlights, and other equipment to the hurricane-ravaged island. Along with these much-needed supplies, the volunteers brought their critical emergency response skills and expertise to help local officials with rescue and relief missions; and

WHEREAS, The volunteers spent their time providing assistance in some of the most

remote parts of the Island, supporting fifty^eight different missions that included individual .

rescues, clearing roadways of debris, delivering food and water to isolated towns,

providing medical assistance to the/wounded and injured, and gathering important

information about the condition of roads, towns, and populations to help further assist

. future'aid rr>jssions;apcl    ,            .. .

. WHEREAS, Despite the many, dangers, difficulties, and uncertainties the volunteers

faced oh'tneir'jqu'rhey, all 'fwenty%/o of the volunteers returned from Puerto Rico safely, )

haying suffered a few minor cuts and scratches. The. impact of their service in Puerto Rico

oven just a' short-' period of time is Truly immeasy rdble; and            f\            '.

. \

WHEREAS, The truly'selfless and heroic actions taken by. these twenty-one Fire         .
Depjgrjment ybjuntegfs in Puerto ^Ricd^js.dnqther-example of .The,. exemp\qry ;chgrd&ter            \v;_
pgpqrtraejit displgy every cldy in; their line of work; now, therefore '..            -v:'.
... ■-. ^

-th-    ' .11:. ^MM^QiV^t T)?.ªS^'.'³' the Mqyor.pnd^e^                City Council of The City of ^
• .■ ■'; ■ Ghicdgb/iqs^emb^d^h'is eighth day df :N'9v.e)r|j^
and congratulations to David Claudio, Eric Clqudio; Steven M. Collazo, Luis-E. Cbrdero,      ; - ^
Rd'ui De .Leon, Carlos J, Delgado, Jdson'Tiores, GdfmeTo .Flores Jr., Juan C... Hernandez,: ..."
Curtis D'.' Hudson, Eric Izquierdo, Fernando L.-";Nieves, Jason O. Ortiz, Luis S. Quihones, /;•
Carlos E. Robles,' Richard Rpsado, Robert R. Simpson, Juan. D. Sotomgyp'r, Marilyn .Vjega, •   :v '? '
.-'" Francisco Velez,"and Louis C. Zamora.on their return from q successful humanitarian ... '■';■'• ,
mission to Puerto-Rico; :and/-                . . '

.'.. BE fT FURTHER RESOLVED, that suitable copies of this resolution be presented to

each/.of-These Ohiedyp fine,;De                                in their
respective
personnel files, as d sign- df our appreciation and gratitude for their exceptional
•;

humanitarian service to the people of Puerto.Rico. ⌐⌐