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SUPPORT FOR PARTICIPANTS OF THE "OUT IN THE OPEN SLEEP OUT"

WHEREAS, Chicagoans know bitter cold is on its way. Yet, more than 20,000 young adults and students are looking for a permanent home; and

WHEREAS, The Chicago-area community will come together on Friday, Nov. 20, for an overnight sleep out to raise visibility and funds to help provide a stable living environment for youth experiencing homelessness.

WHEREAS, The first-of-its-kind event in Chicago, the Out In the Open Sleep Out, will bring together members of the community to raise funds for 18 organizations serving youth experiencing homelessness; and

WHEREAS, The goal of Out In the Open Sleep Out, hosted by the newly formed Pride Action Tank, AIDS Foundation of Chicago, Edelman, Agency EA and Windy City Times newspaper, along with a wide range of other partners is to bring new people and resources to the critical issue of youth experiencing homelessness in Chicago; and

WHEREAS, Attendees will hear from individual teens, see dozens of entertainers performing and participate in a variety of activities; and

WHEREAS, The following nonprofit partners will benefit from the event: AIDS Foundation of Chicago; Care2Prevent, the University of Chicago; Center on Halsted; Chicago House; Chicago Youth Storage Initiative; Howard Brown Health Center's Broadway Youth Center; Illinois Safe Schools Alliance; La Casa Norte; Lurie Children's Hospital - Division of Adolescent Medicine; Neon Dorms - Heartland Human Care Services; New Moms; Puerto Rican Cultural Center - El Rescate; TaskForce Prevention and Community Services; Teen Living Programs; The 750 Club Apartment Adoption Project; The Night Ministry; Thresholds; Unity Parenting and Counseling, Inc.; and YEPP: Youth Empowerment Performance Project.

BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the Mayor and members of the City Council of Chicago gathered together this 14th day of October 2015, do hereby extend our best wishes and support to all those participating in the inaugural "Out In the Open Sleep Out."

JAMES CAPPLEMAN Alderman - 46th Ward

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