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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,

Resolution

adopted by The City of Chicago

Office of the City Clerk, Chicago, Illinois

Presented by Mayor Rahmi Emanuel

City

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
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WHEREAS, In the span of less than two weeks, Puerto Rico was stricken by two of the most powerful hurricanes in its history;

WHEREAS, On September 7, Hurricane Irma, a Category 5 storm, struck a catastrophic blow to Puerto Rico, flattening homes, causing widespread destruction, and leaving more than 1 million residents without power; and sustained winds that gusts to 155 mph. Hurricane Maria pummeled Puerto Rico, flooding the island, destroying the power grid; and

WHEREAS, Coming on the heels of Hurricane Irma, Hurricane Maria's destructive impact

Impact largely destroyed many neighborhoods, and the power grid was severely damaged. Without electricity, running water, food, shelter or any communication services; and

WHEREAS, Hurricane Maria is one of the costliest natural disasters to ever hit Puerto Rico, further hindering relief efforts; and

WHEREAS, Through a partnership the City of Chicago has developed with Puerto Rico, Puerto Rican officials requested assistance from the City to support relief efforts, and the City and community leaders began collaborating to deliver the type of assistance Puerto Rico needed most; and

WHEREAS, Upon hearing about the devastating effects Hurricane Maria had on 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 services in Puerto Rico. Volunteers solicited donations from local 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 missions; and

WHEREAS, Despite the many, dangers, difficulties, and uncertainties the volunteers faced on their journey, all twenty% of the volunteers returned from Puerto Rico safely, having suffered a few minor cuts and scratches. The impact of their service in Puerto Rico over just a short period of time is Truly immeasurable; and

WHEREAS, The truly selfless and heroic actions taken by these twenty-one Fire Department members in Puerto Rico is another example of the exemplary character displayed every day in their line of work; now, therefore

City Council of The City of
and congratulations to David Claudio, Eric Claudio; Steven M. Collazo, Luis-E. Cordero, Leon, Carlos J. Delgado, Jason Tiores, Gdfme To 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, Francisco Velez, and Louis C. Zamora on their return from a successful humanitarian mission to Puerto-Rico; and/-

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that suitable copies of this resolution be presented to each of these Officers, De in their respective personnel files, as a sign of our appreciation and gratitude for their exceptional humanitarian service to the people of Puerto Rico.