

**CONGRATULATIONS EXTENDED TO SERGEANT ROBERT S. PODKOWA ON
RETIREMENT FROM THE CHICAGO POLICE DEPARTMENT**

WHEREAS, After 29 years of distinguished public service, Sergeant Robert S. Podkova is retiring from the Chicago Police Department; and

WHEREAS, The Chicago City Council has been informed of this occasion by the Honorable Matthew J. O'Shea, Alderman of the 19th Ward; and

WHEREAS, Dedication to and fulfillment of the motto of the Chicago Police Department – "We Serve and Protect" – exacts a substantial physical and emotional toll not only on the officers and sergeants who must cope daily with the stress and danger of putting their lives on the line for countless City residents, but also on their family members; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his long and distinguished tenure, Sergeant Podkova upheld the finest traditions of the law enforcement community, and his hard work, commitment, and dedication to duty earned him the respect and admiration of his colleagues and the communities he protected and served; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Podkova devoted his career to public service and to the people of the City of Chicago, and, in doing so, has personally ensured that the City of Chicago is the safe, healthy, and vibrant community it is today; and

WHEREAS, The Chicago City Council would like to recognize the great debt owed to our law enforcement community, and express our sincerest gratitude to Sergeant Podkova for a long and prolific career; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the Mayor and members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, gathered here this thirteenth day of December, 2023, do hereby congratulate Sergeant Robert S. Podkova (Star #2079) on his retirement and thank him for his service to the people of the City of Chicago, and express our heartiest wishes on a pleasant retirement; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be prepared and presented to Sergeant Robert S. Podkova.



MATTHEW J. O'SHEA
Alderman, 19th Ward