

**CONGRATULATIONS EXTENDED TO SERGEANT GERALD J. SWINKLE ON  
RETIREMENT FROM THE CHICAGO POLICE DEPARTMENT**

**WHEREAS**, After 28 years of distinguished public service, Sergeant Gerald J. Swinkle 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 Swinkle 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 Swinkle 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 Swinkle 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 Gerald J. Swinkle (Star #901) 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 Gerald J. Swinkle.



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MATTHEW J. O'SHEA  
Alderman, 19th Ward