

**A Resolution honoring CPD PO Rick Rivera
and the Illinois Chapter of Concerns of Police Survivors (IL C.O.P.S)**

WHEREAS, *IL C.O.P.S, the Illinois Chapter of Concerns of Police Survivors*, is a non-profit organization which provides crucial resources to assist in rebuilding the lives of families of fallen police officers that have been killed in the line of duty; and

WHEREAS, Chicago Police Officer Rick Rivera, currently assigned to unit #544 at City Hall and a friend to many, is an avid supporter of this fine organization and will be completing his 12th bicycle ride at 60 years old to raise funds for and support this worthy cause; and

WHEREAS, it is a tragic statistic that every year over 100 police officers are killed in the line of duty leaving their families, friends and co-workers to cope with this unfathomable loss, and IL C.O.P.S funds programs for therapy, kids' counseling, adult summer camp and various other family needs for the past twenty years; and

WHEREAS, every July for the past 19 years, IL C.O.P.S. has hosted the “*Cycle Across Illinois*” charity bicycle ride. This intense ride requires participants to make the 340 mile trek from Alton, IL to Chicago, IL in just four days! Each rider is required to raise \$900 in pledges for this event; and

WHEREAS, Officer Rivera has lived a life of service, beginning in 1987, where he enlisted in the Army and was assigned to the 8th Infantry Division in Mannheim, Germany. After 20+ years of military service, Officer Rivera retired from the United States Army in 2008 ending his career as part of the 35th Infantry Division right here in the City of Chicago at 5200 S. Cottage Grove. Officer Rivera's life of service continues, having become a proud member of the Chicago Police Department on July 5, 1994; and

WHEREAS, Officer Rick Rivera encourages all Alderpersons, Staff, the Honorable Mayor Johnson and the people of this great City to support the families of fallen officers and the *IL C.O.P.S.* organization.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the Mayor and members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, gathered here in assembly this 12th day of June, 2024, AD, do hereby congratulate and honor CPD PO Rick Rivera, Star #7218, for his years of service to our City, Country and the Illinois Chapter of Concerns of Police Survivors organization and we express our heartfelt gratitude and admiration for this stellar Police Officer and man.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to CPD PO Rick Rivera.



NICHOLAS SPOSATO
38TH WARD ALDERMAN