

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, The Office of Emergency Management and Communication offers a free service to the citizens of the City of Chicago called Smart911; and,

WHEREAS, The Smart911 program is utilized by the Cook County Sheriff and numerous counties, municipalities, towns and villages in the greater Chicagoland area; and,

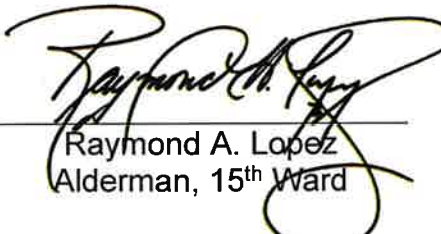
WHEREAS, The Smart911 service, recognizing that over 70% of emergency calls are now placed via cellphone with no exact locations available, allows residents to create a profile with as much pertinent information as they wish to provide, including a photo of the person and family contacts, that can be used by participating local police districts, fire departments and emergency service personnel in the event of an emergency; and,

WHEREAS, The profile also allows first responders to know an individual's preferred language, any physical or mental health conditions, any home surveillance options, senior-specific conditions needs specialized attention, and pet information; and,

WHEREAS, The City of Chicago remains committed to using the Smart911 program to its fullest potential on behalf of the 2.5 million individuals that call Chicago home; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO, That the Committee on Public Safety hold a subject matter hearing on participation, benefits and enrollment outreach associated with the Smart911 program; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO, The Executive Director of the Office of Emergency Management and Communication, the Commissioner of the Fire Department, and the Superintendent of the Police Department, or their respective designees, be invited to provide relevant testimony at such hearing.



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