

## RESOLUTION

**WHEREAS**, In the last few years, Chicago has faced a rise in attacks on postal workers; and

**WHEREAS**, In 2022, robberies targeting mail carriers increased by 78%, according to the U.S. Postal Inspection Service; and

**WHEREAS**, Robbers often target mail carriers in attempts to steal so-called arrow keys, universal keys used to access things like collection boxes, parcel lockers and apartment mailbox panels; and

**WHEREAS**, According to public information officer and postal inspector at the U.S. Postal Inspection Service, Spencer Block, the threats faced by mail workers have changed in the years since COVID-19, and the USPS strategy to combat and to investigate those crimes has evolved as well; and

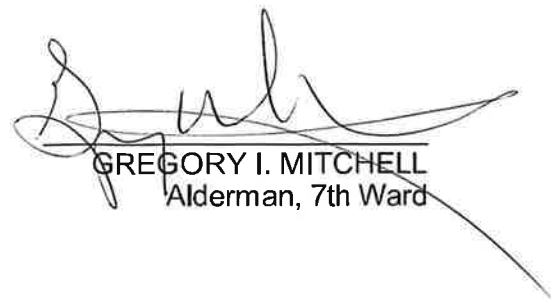
**WHEREAS**, While there have been efforts to investigate and prosecute the perpetrators of these crimes, the threats faced by mail carriers are unprecedented — and could drive some to quit the service; and

**WHEREAS**, The federal government must also be proactive to eliminate the attacks on postal workers in Chicago and elsewhere; now, therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED**, That we, the City of Chicago, do hereby call upon the Committee on Public Safety to hold a subject matter hearing on the increase in violent attacks on mail carriers in the City; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That we call upon the federal government to provide more funding and resources to provide security for United States Postal Service mail carriers and to proactively work to reduce the targeting of mail carriers; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That suitable copies of this resolution be sent to President Joseph R. Biden, Vice President Kamala Harris, and the Illinois Congressional delegation.



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