

51-R-98

A RESOLUTION

**Supporting the Illinois Council Against Handgun Violence
16th Annual Walk and Rally Against Handgun Violence**

WHEREAS, 4,934 children under the age of twenty were hospitalized in Illinois for gunshot wounds from 1992 through 1995 with hospital charges exceeding \$69 million; and

WHEREAS, in 1995, 320 children died from gun violence in Illinois; and

WHEREAS, in 1994, gun trauma was the predominant cause of death for Chicago youths ages 15 through 19 years old; and

WHEREAS, in 1994, Illinois had the second highest number of youth gun homicides in the United States; and

WHEREAS, in 1995, the average hospital cost for a gunshot wound for a youth (0-19 years) was \$15,688.00 with an average stay of five days in the hospital; and

WHEREAS, 25% of hospitalized gunshot patients (ages 0-19) between 1992-1995 required intensive care admission, costing approximately \$34,856.00 per patient; and

WHEREAS, during 1994, almost one half of all youth murders involved handguns; and

WHEREAS, 80% of the medical cost for treatment of firearm-related injuries is paid by taxpayers; and

WHEREAS, between 1986-1991, 92 of the 549 trauma care centers in the United States closed due to financial costs of gun violence; and

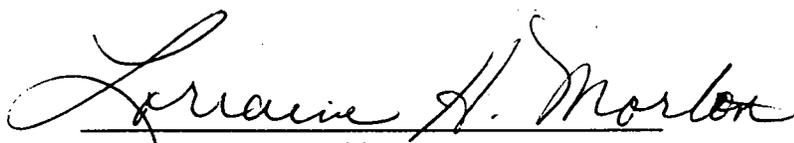
WHEREAS, in 1995, 5,285 children ages 0-19 died from gun violence in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the Illinois Council Against Handgun Violence will hold its 16th Annual Walk and Rally Against Handgun Violence on Saturday, October 3, 1998 at the Daley Center Plaza at Washington and Dearborn,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EVANSTON, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS:

SECTION 1: That the City Council of the City of Evanston, on behalf of its citizens, supports the 16th Annual Walk and Rally Against Handgun Violence sponsored by the Illinois Council Against Handgun Violence.

SECTION 2: That this Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after the date of its passage and approval in the manner provided by law.



Mayor

ATTEST:



City Clerk

Adopted: September 28, 1998