



# City of Chicago



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**Title:** Declaration of November 21, 2015, as Joel Hall Day in Chicago  
**Committee(s) Assignment:**

## **RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, The Joel Hall Dancers & Center has enriched Chicago's arts scene for more than four decades through community dance performances and education; and

**WHEREAS**, Since its founding in 1974 the Chicago-based non-profit has embraced those who may otherwise not be exposed to the arts by providing dance classes along with local, national and international showcase performances; and

**WHEREAS**, The signature dance style of Joel Hall Dancers incorporates ballet, jazz, modern, funk, and "street dance" using contemporary jazz and house music to create an innovative and continuously evolving dance style that is appealing, relevant, and approachable; and

**WHEREAS**, Throughout the 1980s, the company performed at the Joyce Theatre in New York, MayFest in Scotland, the Stranmills Theatre in Belfast, the Bloomsbury Theatre in London and throughout the United Kingdom and the former Soviet Union; and

**WHEREAS**, During the 1990s, the Joel Hall Dancers focused on its Chicago identity through performances across the city; and

**WHEREAS**, In 1993 A destructive fire at the Joel Hall Dancers & Center studio in forced the company to relocate and rebuild; and

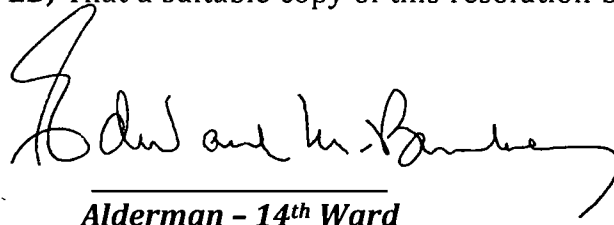
**WHEREAS**, Despite the challenges, the Joel Hall Dancers debuted "Nuts & Bolts" in 1994 — which quickly became a holiday staple in Chicago; and

**WHEREAS**, Both the Joel Hall Dancers and its audience continue to represent a diversified spectrum of cultural, ethnic, racial, and socio-economic backgrounds; and

**WHEREAS**, The creativity, hard work and dedication of the Joel Hall Dancers serve as an example to all; now, therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED**, That we, the Mayor and the members of the Chicago City Council, assembled this twenty-eighth day of October 2015, do hereby declare that Saturday, November 21, 2015, shall be officially recognized as **Joel Hall Day** throughout Chicago and do hereby express every good wish for the continued success of the Joel Hall Dancers and Center as one of our City's premier dance companies; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to Joel Hall.



Edward M. Bambery

**Alderman - 14<sup>th</sup> Ward**