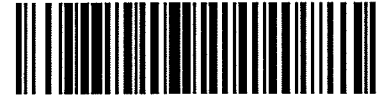




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COMMEMORATION OF 25th ANNIVERSARY OF **THE NATIONAL MUSEUM OF MEXICAN ART**

WHEREAS, The National Museum of Mexican Art, a nonprofit organization dedicated to the beauty and richness of Mexican culture, was established in Chicago's Pilsen community in 1986, as the City was launching its first cultural plan for expanding arts and culture in the neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, The National Museum of Mexican Art consistently presents exhibitions that exemplify the majestic variety of visual and performing arts in Mexican culture, has developed and preserved a significant permanent collection of Mexican art consisting of 7,000 pieces, and has encouraged the professional development of Mexican artists from both sides of the border since its founding in Chicago in 1987; and

WHEREAS, The National Museum of Mexican Art provides arts education and career training to 250 teens and young adults each year through the Yollocalli Arts Reach program, creating a space for youth to partner with practicing artists and build skills as emerging artists; and

WHEREAS, The National Museum of Mexican Art gives a voice to 100 Chicago teens each year through Radio Arte, promoting socially conscious journalism, providing media-literacy training, and creating programming that showcases music, issues and events that are not featured prominently by mainstream media; and

WHEREAS, The National Museum of Mexican Art welcomes nearly 170,000 visitors each year to its home on 19th Street in Chicago's beloved Pilsen Community; and

WHEREAS, The National Museum of Mexican Art is the nation's *only* Latino Museum accredited by the American Association of Museums; and

WHEREAS, On March 27, 2012, the National Museum of Mexican Art will celebrate 25 years in the 25th Ward; and

WHEREAS, Mexican art and Mexican culture have long been interwoven into the fabric of Chicago, enriching the civic landscape of our city and the arts experience for hundreds of thousands of Chicagoans; and

WHEREAS, The National Museum of Mexican Art will continue to showcase Mexican culture as *sin fronteras* (without borders), and its programs and exhibitions will continue to capture the wide range of Mexican cultural expressions and art forms, from ancient to modern, and on both sides of the border, while representing the Mexican community from its own point of view and in its own voice; now, therefore

Be It Resolved That we, the Mayor and members of the City of Chicago City Council, assembled this 14th Day of March, 2012 A.D., do hereby commend the National Museum of Mexican Art for its efforts to preserve this important landmark of cultural heritage for present and future generations to enjoy, urge all Chicagoans to visit the Museum and honor its important contributions to our society; and

Be It Further Resolved That an official copy of this resolution be prepared and presented to the Board of Trustees of the National Museum of Mexican Art.


DANIEL S. SOLIS
Alderman – 25th ward