



# City of Chicago



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| <b>Sponsor(s):</b>              | Tunney (44)   |
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| <b>Title:</b>                   | Congratulations extended to Society of American Magicians<br>Chicago on 100th anniversary |
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**RESOLUTION**

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**WHEREAS**, The Society of American Magicians, founded on May 10, 1902, in Martinka's famous magic shop in New York City, New York, is the oldest and most prestigious magical society in the world; and

**WHEREAS**, for over a century it has promoted the ideals shared by Kellar, Houdini, Thurston and more than 47,000 others world-wide who have held membership in the society; and

**WHEREAS**, those ideals include the elevation of the Art of Magic, the promotion of harmony among magicians, and the opposition of the unnecessary public exposure of magical effects; and

**WHEREAS**, the Society of American Magicians offers the opportunity to unite and associate with leaders in the World of Magic – not only professionals, but amateurs, manufacturers, magic dealers, book authors and magic collectors; and

**WHEREAS**, through its monthly publications, annual conventions, and with almost 300 Assemblies throughout the world, the Society of American Magicians provides the necessary forum for the advancement of magic through discussions, lectures, research, performances, and exchange of magic secrets within the magic community; and

**WHEREAS**, to promote those endeavors the Society of American Magicians presents awards and fellowships in recognition of outstanding achievement in the Art of Magic; and

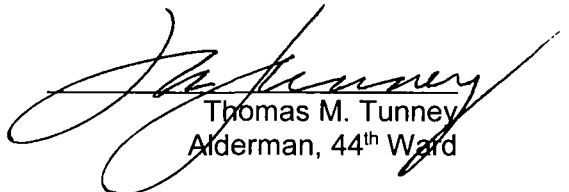
**WHEREAS**, in this year, 2019, the Chicago Assembly of the Society of American Magicians celebrates its 100th anniversary and still possess the original charter document from August 14, 1919, signed by then-National President Houdini; and

**WHEREAS**, the Society of American Magicians is recognizing the centennial of the Chicago Assembly by holding its annual meeting in Chicago on June 27th to 29th, 2019, and celebrates Chicago's prominent role and contributions to shaping the art of magic; and

**WHEREAS**, 44<sup>th</sup> Ward Alderman Thomas Tunney has informed this body of the momentous occasion; now, therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that we, the Mayor and Members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, assembled this 12<sup>th</sup> day of June 2019, do hereby honor and salute the Society of American Magicians Chicago Assembly on the occasion of its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary, and welcome all members to the Chicago Celebration 2019; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to the Society of American Magicians Chicago Chapter, as a sign of our recognition of the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of its founding.

  
Thomas M. Tunney  
Alderman, 44<sup>th</sup> Ward