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OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
CITY OF CHICAGO

RAHM EMANUEL
MAYOR

February 28, 2018

TO THE HONORABLE, THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith congratulatory resolutions regarding the anniversaries of various Chicago Sister Cities.

Your favorable consideration of these resolutions will be appreciated.

Very truly yours,

Mayor

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Sister Cities International was established in 1956 to further global understanding by encouraging and assisting United States communities and their citizens to join together with cities around the world; and

WHEREAS, Since 1960, Chicago Sister Cities International has established strong ties with 28 Sister Cities around the world; and

WHEREAS, These partnerships continue to enhance international cooperation and understanding through community involvement and people-to-people relationships; and

WHEREAS, These ties have increased international trade, economic development, tourism, cultural exchanges and educational opportunities; and

WHEREAS, Chicago is a global city comprised of diverse communities and neighborhoods and a leader in forging long-lasting relationships throughout the world; and

WHEREAS, 2018 marks the 25th anniversary of Chicago's Sister City relationship with Vilnius, Lithuania; and

WHEREAS, 2018 marks the Centennial of the Restored State of Lithuania; and

WHEREAS, on February 16, 1918, the modern democratic state of Lithuania was born with the signing of the Act of Independence of Lithuania; and

WHEREAS, Lithuania stands as a beacon of freedom and democracy in the world; and

WHEREAS, Chicago is known as "Little Lithuania," having the largest Lithuanian community outside of Lithuania; and

WHEREAS, Chicago shares a long history of friendship and cooperation with the people of Lithuania; and

WHEREAS, The City of Chicago is home to a vibrant and energetic Lithuanian-American community that has made our city a wonderful place to live and work; and

WHEREAS, The Lithuanian community has made vital contributions to the development of Chicago through its history and continues to play an important role in the cultural, civic and economic life of our city; and

WHEREAS, Chicago looks forward to working closely with Vilnius and Lithuania into the future; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the Mayor and Members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, assembled this twenty-eighth day of February, 2018, do hereby honor Chicago's 25th anniversary with Vilnius, celebrate Lithuania's 100th anniversary of independence, and commemorate the contributions that the Sister City relationship and the people of Lithuania have brought to the City of Chicago; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to The Honorable Mantvydas Bekešius, Consul General, Consulate General of the Republic of Lithuania.