

## City of Chicago



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## Office of the City Clerk

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**Meeting Date:** 4/13/2016

Sponsor(s): Burke (14)

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Title: Congratulations extended to Jerry Reinsdorf in induction into

Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame and declaration

of September 10, 2016, as "Jerry Reinsdorf Day" in Chicago

Committee(s) Assignment:

## RESOLUTION

**WHEREAS**, Chicago Bulls Chairman Jerry Reinsdorf has been inducted into the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame; and

**WHEREAS**, The Chicago City Council has been informed of this auspicious honor by Alderman Edward M. Burke; and

**WHEREAS,** Jerry Reinsdorf was inducted with nine others, including Allen Iverson, Shaquille O'Neal, Sheryl Swoopes, Zelmo Beaty, Cumberland Posey, Yao Ming coaches Tom Izzo and John McLendon and referee Darrel Garretson; and

**WHEREAS,** Born in Brooklyn, New York, Jerry Reinsdorf bought the Chicago White Sox in 1981 and the Chicago Bulls in 1985 and has reinvigorated the Chicago sports scene through his remarkable vision and adept management and

**WHEREAS,** During his tenure as Chairman of the Chicago Bulls, the team has clinched six NBA Championships, advanced to the postseason 24 times, reached the Eastern Conference Finals seven times and claimed eight Central Division titles; and .

**WHEREAS,** The Reinsdorf-era Bulls have achieved six NBA MVPs, including five by Michael Jordan and one by Derrick Rose, three Rookie of the Year winners, three Executive of the Year winners and two Coach of the Year honorees; and

**WHEREAS,** During his ownership, Jerry Reinsdorf led the NBA in attendance 10 times, including the last six straight seasons, and currently owns a sellout streak of 250 consecutive games; and

**WHEREAS,** Under the guidance and direction of Jerry Reinsdorf, Chicago Bulls Charities has supported a number of organizations with an emphasis on youth education, health and wellness, and violence prevention; and

**WHEREAS,** Chicago Bulls Charities has generously supported the Ann and Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago; the James Jordan Boys & Girls Club and Chicago Bulls Family Life Center; the Salvation Army Ray and Joan Kroc Corps Community Center; City Year Chicago; Youth Guidance; Mercy Home for Boys & Girls and the Ronald McDonald House Charities; and

**WHEREAS**, The hard work, sacrifice and dedication of Jerry Reinsdorf 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 thirteenth day of April, 2016, do hereby congratulate Jerry Reinsdorf on his induction into the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame and do hereby declare that Saturday, September 10, 2016, shall be officially recognized as *Jerry Reinsdorf Day* throughout the City of Chicago; and

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

Alderman – 14th Ward