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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Alliance of Polish Clubs in the USA was established in 1928 as the Alliance of Malopolska Clubs. Throughout the years, clubs from other regions joined the organization. Therefore, the Alliance changed its name to the Alliance of Polish Clubs in the USA. The oldest club of the organization will celebrate their 115 anniversary this year. Today, 37 clubs are members of the Alliance of Polish Clubs, including Jan Kochanowski Polish Saturday School, Wawel Dancing Ensemble, Rzepicha Folks Theater, Thaddeus Kosciuszko Ulani Society, and Fryderyk Chopin Choir; and,

WHEREAS, Every three years, the Alliance holds its conventions where they evaluate their accomplishments, create organizational plans and elect its board. On June 2, 2017, the organization is holding their 29th Convention; and,

WHEREAS, The purpose of the Alliance of Polish Clubs is to initiate and coordinate the activities of individual clubs and organizations affiliated within the infrastructure by encouraging their interest in assisting the people of Poland and the surrounding Polish-American community in the Chicago area. They uphold and cherish all the fundamental values of the Polish Heritage by consistently arranging and celebrating the national holidays such as the harvest festival, the May 3rd Constitution Day Parade, Wigilia (Christmas Eve), Swieconka (Easter Holiday) and folk festivals throughout the year so that future generations can appreciate and understand all that their Polish heritage has to offer. In addition, the ethnic events reinforce the sense of community. The Alliance of Polish Clubs was the coordinator of creating of the Katyn Monument in Niles; and,

WHEREAS, In a period of 89 years, individual clubs provided financial support to their hometowns in Poland for public purposes such as the building of schools, town halls, fire stations, churches as well as general improvements. Financial support has also been given for paving of streets, building bridges, installing electricity for rural areas, telephones, gas and water lines. But most importantly, however, has been the constant contact of Polish immigrants living in and around the Chicagoland area with their home town in Poland; and now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the Mayor and members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, gathered here this 24th day of May 2017 A.D., do hereby congratulate the Alliance of Polish Clubs on their 115 years of dedication and services to the Polish community; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be prepared for presentation to Alliance of Polish Club.

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a large, stylized 'R' followed by a horizontal line and a few trailing strokes.

Ariel E. Reboyras
Alderman, 30th Ward