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Congratulations extended to Illinois Latino Cultural Center

**Committee(s) Assignment:** 

## Resolution

WHEREAS, the Illinois Latino Cultural Center (ILCC) is a pan-Latino, nonprofit, multidisciplinary arts organization dedicated to developing, promoting and increasing awareness of Latino cultures by presenting a wide variety of art forms and education including film, music, dance, visual arts, comedy and theater, and;

WHEREAS, it is imperative to the ILCC mission to increase cultural opportunities for the Latino community, as well as, create a cultural dialogue amongst Latinos and non-Latinos to discuss universal cross-cultural experiences; and,

WHEREAS, ILCC produces the Chicago Latino Film Festival, called by Hispanic Magazine "the largest, oldest and best Latino film festival in the country" drawing more than 35,000 people to the Festival, enjoying a wide variety of screenings, special events and workshops held in theaters, colleges, universities and community-based organizations; and,

**WHEREAS**, this year marks the 28<sup>th</sup> Chicago Latino Film Festival taking place April 13<sup>th</sup> – April 26<sup>th</sup>; other than the special events, the Festival will be held at the Landmark Century Centre Cinema and the Instituto Cervantes; and,

WHEREAS, this year, the Festival will feature close to 140 feature-length and short films across a wide variety of genres (fiction, documentaries, animation, etc.) from the United States, Latin America, Spain and Portugal in their original languages with English subtitles; and,

WHEREAS, every year, the Chicago Latino Film Festival honors an individual's contribution to Latino arts and culture., this year, the Gloria Award will be presented Ventura Pons whom is one of the most important and best-known Catalan film directors; and,

WHEREAS, every year the Chicago Latino Film Festival gives the public the opportunity to vote for their favorite film and award the Audience Choice Award; and,

WHEREAS, through special Festival Nights audiences are given sneak peek at some of the most talked about, most promising and even award-winning films coming from Latin America, Spain and Portugal; this year's special events include Opening Night, Noite do Brazil and Closing Night; and,

WHEREAS, each year the Festival dedicates a portion of their programming to specific themes or genres; this year's special segments are: Made in USA, Women in Film, LGBTQ, and Animation; and,

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that we, the Mayor and Members of the Chicago City Council, assembled here this 14th day of March, 2012, do hereby congratulate the Illinois Latino Cultural Center, for their enrichment and dedication to the Latino-film industry; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to the Illinois Latino Cultural Center.

George A. Cardenas Alderman, 12<sup>th</sup> Ward