



# City of Chicago



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Office of the City Clerk

## Document Tracking Sheet

**Meeting Date:** 4/15/2015

**Sponsor(s):** Burke (14)

**Type:** Resolution

**Title:** Congratulations extended to Helen Joan Grochowski on 90th birthday and declaration of May 2, 2015 as "Helen Joan Grochowski Day" in Chicago

**Committee(s) Assignment:**

## **RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, Helen Joan Grochowski, a longtime and valued resident of the Southwest Side, will celebrate the joyful occasion of her *90th Birthday* surrounded by the love of family and friends on May 2, 2015; and

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

**WHEREAS**, Born Helen Joan Porucznik, Helen was raised in the Pilsen neighborhood on Laflin Street and attended St. Pius Grammar School and Harrison High School; and

**WHEREAS**, Helen Joan Grochowski met her future husband, Henry, at a dance and the couple married in 1964 at St. Adalbert Church; and

**WHEREAS**, Henry Grochowski worked for Bodine Electric as an applicant engineer while attending the Illinois Institute of Technology where he pursued a college degree; and

**WHEREAS**, Sadly, Henry Grochowski died in 1967 and four years later Helen Joan Grochowski moved to the 14<sup>th</sup> Ward where she still resides today; and

**WHEREAS**, Helen Joan Grochowski worked for 20 years at the Witthaus Printing Company located on Dearborn Street in the Printers Row District; and

**WHEREAS**, When the business merged and became Repro Printing & Engraving, it relocated to Washington Boulevard in the West Loop; and

**WHEREAS**, Helen Joan Grochowski continued her career at the company for another five years until her retirement in 1985; and

**WHEREAS**, Helen Joan Grochowski never drove a car and navigates the City using public transportation; and

**WHEREAS**, Helen Joan Grochowski is an amateur photographer who has amassed a wonderful collection of images of Chicago neighborhoods; and

**WHEREAS**, Helen Joan Grochowski is a faithful member of St. Bruno Parish where she remains active in the Senior Club; and

**WHEREAS**, Affectionately known to all as Aunt Helcia, Helen Joan Grochowski is the much-adored aunt of Claudia, Therese, Charles, Katherine and Patricia; and

**WHEREAS**, Helen Joan Grochowski is the beloved grand-aunt of 13 and the wonderful great-grand-aunt of nine; now, therefore

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**BE IT RESOLVED**, That we, the Mayor and the members of the Chicago City Council, assembled this fifteenth day of April, 2015, do hereby congratulate Helen Joan Grochowski on the occasion of her 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday and do hereby declare that May 2, 2015, shall be officially recognized as **Helen Joan Grochowski Day** throughout the City of Chicago; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to Helen Joan Grochowski.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'James', written over a horizontal line. The signature is stylized and includes a long diagonal stroke extending upwards and to the right.

**Alderman - 14<sup>th</sup> Ward**

