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Type: Resolution

Title: Commemoration of Mexican Independence Day in Chicago

Committee(s) Assignment:

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, Mexican Independence Day, known as El Grito, will be celebrated this year on the sixteenth of September; and

WHEREAS, The seminal figure associated with Mexican Independence Day is Father Miguel Hidalgo, a Roman Catholic Priest and a leader of the Mexican War of Independence; and

WHEREAS, On September 16, 1810, Father Hidalgo gave a famous speech, known as "El Grito de Dolores" or the "Cry of Dolores," exhorting his parishioners to join him in his fight against the injustices of the Spanish colonial rule; and

WHEREAS, El Grito de Dolores marked the beginning of the long Mexican War of Independence, which Mexicans fought with resolute determination until they achieved their independence in 1821; and

WHEREAS, This year marks the 206th anniversary of Mexico's independence from Spanish colonial rule; and

WHEREAS, Mexican Independence Day is one of the country's most important holidays; and

WHEREAS, On this festive occasion, the red, white and green Mexican flag, as well as flowers and decorations in the colors of Mexico, are on abundant display, whistles and horns are blown and confetti is thrown, and feasts, dances and parades are held; and

WHEREAS, Fiestas Patrias Chicago Committee is a group of over 100 prominent Mexican Chicagoans who have revitalized the celebration of Mexican Independence Day in our City; and

WHEREAS, El Grito 2016 will be celebrated in Harrison Park in the City's Pilsen community on September 15, 2016, featuring Mexican cuisine, traditional dancing, marching bands, and floats; and

WHEREAS, El Grito 2016 is an opportunity for the one and a half million Mexicans in the Chicago area to celebrate the culture and history of Mexico; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the Mayor and Members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, assembled this fourteenth day of September, 2016, do hereby acknowledge the cultural and historical significance of Mexican Independence Day; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to the Fiestas Patrias Chicago Committee as a token of our appreciation of the Committee's efforts in reinvigorating the celebration of Mexican Independence Day in our City.



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
CITY OF CHICAGO

RAHM EMANUEL
MAYOR

September 14, 2016

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

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith, together with Aldermen Moreno, Garza, Cardenas, Burke, Lopez, Munoz, Solis, Maldonado, Reboyras, Santiago, Rosa and Villegas, a congratulatory resolution concerning Mexican Independence Day.

Your favorable consideration of this resolution will be appreciated.

Very truly yours,

Mayor