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Commemoration of Mid-Autumn Festival

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Resolution Commemorating the Mid-Autumn Festival

WHEREAS, The Mid-Autumn Festival, also known as the Moon Festival or Harvest Moon Festival, is a Chinese harvest festival held on the 15th day of the eighth month in the Chinese Han calendar on the night of the full moon; and

WHEREAS, This esteemed Body has been notified of this important event by the Honorable Daniel Solis, Alderman of the 25th Ward; and

WHEREAS, This year's Mid-Autumn Festival takes place September 15th -17th; and

WHEREAS, The Festival celebrates three fundamental concepts, gathering, thanksgiving and praying; and

WHEREAS, The Chinese began celebrating the harvest during the autumn full moon in the Shang Dynasty, thousands of years ago, and have continued this tradition ever since; and

WHEREAS, The Mid-Autumn Festival is an occasion to reunite friends and relatives, eat mooncakes and watch the moon, a symbol of harmony and unity; and

WHEREAS, A notable part of celebrating the holiday is the carrying and display of beautiful, brightly lit lanterns in a variety of settings; now, therefore,

BE IT BE RESOLVED, That we, the Mayor and members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, gathered here this fourteenth day of September, 2016, do hereby recognize the cultural and historical significance of the Mid-Autumn Festival and join the community in celebrating this occasion; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be prepared and presented to Chicago's Chinese and Chinese-American community as a symbol of our esteem and respect.

Daniel Solis

Alderman, 25th Ward

Patrick Thompson

Alderman, 11th Ward