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OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
CITY OF CHICAGO

RAHM EMANUEL
MAYOR

November 9, 2016

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

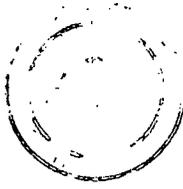
Ladies and Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith, along with Aldermen Brookings, Jr., Moreno, Santiago, Maldonado and Villegas, a resolution honoring the Erikson Institute on its fiftieth anniversary.

Your favorable consideration of this resolution will be appreciated.

Very truly yours,

Mayor



A resolution

adopted by **The City Council**
of the **City of Chicago, Illinois**



Presented by ALDERMEN HOWARD B. BROOKINS, JR., PROCO JOE MORENO,
MILLY SANTIAGO, ROBERTO MALDONADO, GILBERT VILLEGAS AND
MAYOR RAHM EMANUEL on NOVEMBER 9, 2016

Whereas In 1966, Maria Piers, Lorraine Wallach, Barbara Taylor Bowman, and Irving B. Harris founded the Chicago Institute for Early Childhood Education, which later became known as the Erikson Institute; and

WHEREAS, The Erikson Institute was founded to ensure there would be proper training and preparation for teachers working with young children enrolled in the new Head Start program created by President Lyndon Johnson as part of the Economic Opportunity Act of 1964; and

WHEREAS, One of the first organizations in the United States to focus on the importance of a child's first years, the Erikson Institute has engaged in groundbreaking work in the field of early childhood development; and

WHEREAS, The Erikson Institute prepares students of child development, social work, and early childhood education to become leaders who strive to improve the educational, social, emotional and physical well-being of children, families, and communities; and

WHEREAS, A trusted resource with local and international programs, the Erikson Institute contributes to the vitality of our communities in Chicago by enhancing the well-being and education of young children; and

WHEREAS, The Erikson Institute has long been committed to understanding the child in context, as well as advocating for social justice; and

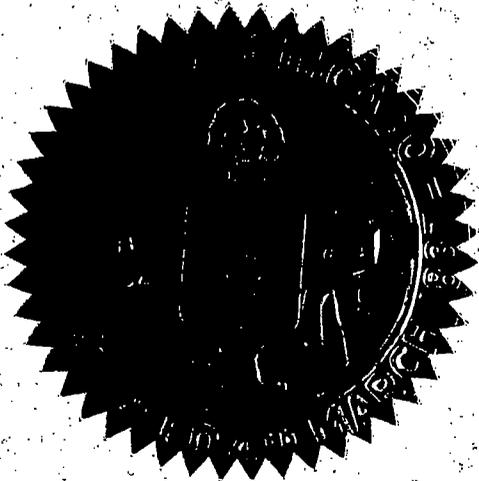
WHEREAS, In recent years, the Erikson Institute has expanded its influence through research projects, direct service, and special initiatives that explore contemporary issues, such as improving teacher training in early literacy and early math, researching mindfulness techniques to support a child's learning, supporting non-profit leaders and policymakers with vital information about child development, applying developmentally appropriate therapeutic interventions, and sharing its expertise with families so they can meaningfully use technology with their children; and

WHEREAS, The Erikson Institute is celebrating its fiftieth anniversary in 2016;
and

WHEREAS, The Erikson Institute's child-focused mission has been unwavering, and it continues to earn recognition as the Nation's premier independent institution for training teachers who help ensure that all children have the opportunity to reach their full potential; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the Mayor and the Members of the City Council, assembled this ninth day of November, 2016, do hereby honor the Erikson Institute on its fiftieth anniversary, and applaud its invaluable contributions to the education and development of the children of Chicago; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to the Erikson Institute as a token of our appreciation and esteem.



Ral Emanuel

MAYOR

Susana A. Mendez

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