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OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
CITY OF CHICAGO

RAHM EMANUEL
MAYOR

December 14, 2016


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

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith, together with Alderman Tunney, a congratulatory resolution concerning the Chicago Cubs.

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 ALDERMAN TOM TUNNEY
MAYOR RAHM EMANUEL on DECEMBER 14, 2016

Whereas

The Members of this Chamber wish to recognize the accomplishments of the 2016 Chicago Cubs baseball team, winners of Major League Baseball's National League Central Division, the National League Pennant and the World Series; and

WHEREAS, Winning the World Series is just the latest achievement in the long, storied history of the Chicago Cubs. The Cubs have now won four division titles, eleven National League Pennants and three World Series; and

WHEREAS, Established in 1876 as the Chicago White Stockings, later changing their name to the Chicago Colts, the Chicago Orphans and finally settling on the name Chicago Cubs in 1903, the Cubs are the oldest Major League Baseball team to have played its entire existence in a single city and have entertained countless baseball fans in Chicago and around the country; and

WHEREAS, Chicago Cubs fans enjoy what many consider the most venerated ballpark in the country, Wrigley Field. With its iconic ivy-covered outfield walls and old-fashioned scoreboard, the Friendly Confines is the most celebrated ballpark in the nation; and

WHEREAS, The 2016 Chicago Cubs season was the 145th of the Cubs franchise, the 141st in the National League and the 101st at Wrigley Field. The Cubs were managed by Joe Maddon in his second season as Cubs manager. With 103 victories, the Cubs had the best record in the major leagues, finishing 17.5 games ahead of the Central Division runner-up and long-time rival, the St. Louis Cardinals. It was the first season the Cubs had more than 100 wins since 1935 and marked the most victories the team has had since 1910; and

WHEREAS, In the playoffs, the mighty Cubs defeated two historic and highly regarded California franchises: the San Francisco Giants in the National League Division Series, three games to one; and the Los Angeles Dodgers in the National League Championship Series, four games to two. As a result, the Cubs won their first National League Pennant in 71 years and advanced to the World Series to play the American League Pennant Winner, the Cleveland Indians; and

WHEREAS, The World Series began on October 25 in Cleveland and the Chicago Cubs demonstrated why they are champions. When the going gets tough, the Cubs start winning. And win they did. Game Five at Wrigley Field was close but the Cubs pulled out a three-to-two victory, sending the Series back to Cleveland, where the Cubs needed to win the final two games on the road. In Game Six, they prevailed nine to three. This set the stage for Game Seven; and

WHEREAS, On November 2, Game Seven pitted Cubs' pitching ace Kyle Hendricks, who had the lowest ERA (2.13) in Major League Baseball in 2016, against Cleveland's Corey Kluber, who had already won Game One and Game Four of the World Series. Game Seven lived up to expectations and more. The Cubs started the scoring quickly with a Dexter Fowler lead-off home run. By the end of six innings, the Cubs held a 6 to 3 lead. But in the bottom of the eighth, due in part to a two-run home run, the Indians tied the game. At the end of nine innings the score was still tied 6 to 6. After a seventeen minute rain delay, the 10th inning started and the Cubs scored two runs on a double by Ben Zobrist and a single by Miguel Montero. In the bottom of the tenth, Cleveland scored one run before the Cubs got the final out, winning the game 8 to 7. Baseball experts have declared Game Seven as one of the most dramatic in World Series history; and

WHEREAS, Ben Zobrist of the Cubs was named Most Valuable Player of the World Series on the strength of his play throughout the Series and his clutch 10th inning double in Game Seven, which drove in a run, giving the Cubs a 7 to 6 lead they never relinquished; and

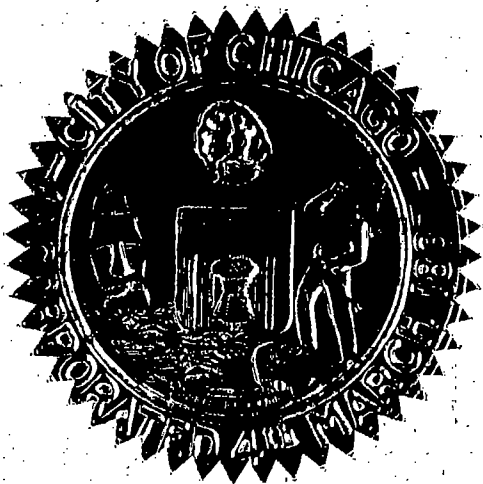
WHEREAS, This historic 2016 season marked the Cubs' first appearance in the World Series since 1945, and their first World Series victory since 1908. Holy Cow, 2016 really was a remarkable season, to say the least; and

WHEREAS, The 2016 line-up for the Chicago Cubs was an impressive one. Led by an amazing pitching staff including Jake Arrieta, Aroldis Chapman, Carl Edwards, Jr., Justin Grimm, Jason Hammel, Kyle Hendricks, John Lackey, Jon Lester, Mike Montgomery, Hector Rondon, Pedro Strop and Travis Wood, the Cubs also enjoyed strong performances at the plate and in the field by Albert Almora, Jr., Javier Baez, Kris Bryant, Trevor Cahill, Chris Coghlan, Willson Contreras, Dexter Fowler, Jason Hayward, Munenori Kawasaki, Tommy La Stella, Miguel Montero, Anthony Rizzo, David Ross, Addison Russell, Kyle Schwarber, Matt Szczur, Jorge Soler, Joe Smith, Rob Zastryzny and Ben Zobrist; and

WHEREAS, All of Chicago is proud of the great accomplishments of the Chicago Cubs in 2016 and we wish them continuing greatness in future seasons; now, therefore

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the Mayor and Members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, assembled this fourteenth day of December, 2016, do hereby congratulate owner Tom Ricketts, President of Baseball Operations, Theo Epstein, President of Business Operations, Crane Kenney, and the Chicago Cubs players on a remarkable season that captivated baseball fans not only in Chicago but also around the globe; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to the Chicago Cubs organization as a token of our good wishes and congratulations.



Rafael Emanuel

MAYOR

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