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Declaration of April 4, 2017 as "Chicago Flag Day" in City of Chicago

Committee(s) Assignment:

March 29, 2017

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, April 4, 2017 will mark the one hundredth anniversary of the Chicago City Council accepting the 1917 design of Wallace Rice as Chicago's official municipal flag; and

WHEREAS, Our iconic flag's design is made up of two horizontal light blue stripes, three horizontal white stripes, and four six-pointed red stars; and

WHEREAS, From top to bottom, each white stripe represents the North, West, and South sides of the city. The top blue stripe represents Lake Michigan and the North Branch of the Chicago River and the bottom blue stripe represents the South Branch of the Chicago River; and

WHEREAS, Each of the stars on the flag represents a monumental event in the history of our great City, from left to right, the first star represents Fort Dearborn, the second start represents the Great Chicago Fire of 1871, the third star represents the World's Columbian Exposition of 1893, and the fourth start represents the Century of Progress Exposition of 1933-1934; and

WHEREAS, Each of the six points of the stars have meaning. The six points of the first star represent transportation, labor, commerce, finance, populousness, and salubrity. The six points of the second star represent the virtues of religion, education, aesthetics, justice, beneficence, and civic pride. The six points of the the third star represent the six flags that have flown over our area: France in 1693, Great Britain in 1763, Virginia in 1778, the Northwest Territory in 1789, the Indiana Territory in 1802, and finally Illinois as a territory in 1809, and as a state since 1818. The six points of the fourth star represent national population ranking, with Chicago being the second largest city in the nation at the time of the flag's adoption; Chicago's Latin motto "Urbs in horto," which translates to "City in a garden;" Chicago's "I Will" motto; the Great Central Marketplace; Wonder City; and Convention City; and

WHEREAS, Our municipal flag is celebrated and flown so proudly in our city; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, That We, the Mayor, and the members of the Chicago City Council assembled this twenty-ninth day of March, 2017 celebrate the centennial of our flag by designating the fourth day of April as "Chicago Flag Day" in the City of Chicago.

CARLOS RAMIREZ-ROSA Alderman, Thirty-Fifth Ward



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