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Type:	Resolution
Title:	Congratulations extended to Polish Film Festival on 29th anniversary
Committee(s) Assignment:	

**RESOLUTION HONORING
POLISH FILM FESTIVAL IN AMERICA**

WHEREAS, The Polish Film Festival in America is held in Chicago and is the largest festival of Polish films outside of Poland; and

WHEREAS, The Polish Film Festival in America was founded in 1989 after the fall of communism by Christopher Kamyszew, a film and art executive, educator and philanthropist; and

WHEREAS, The Polish Film Festival in America has been organized by the Society for Arts, a non-for-profit organization established in 1981 with an objective to promote European arts and film in the United States; and

WHEREAS, The Festival has featured over 1,500 films, hosted over 600 influential film professionals and held premieres for influential filmmakers like Roman Polanski (*Bitter Moon*, *The Pianist*), Agnieszka Holland (*The Third Miracle*, *Copying Beethoven*), and Krzysztof Kieslowski (*Short Film About Killing*, *Short Film About Love*); and

WHEREAS, The Festival has supported Polish filmmaking in many ways. The Festival has promoted films for the Academy Awards, helped the development of other Polish Film Festivals, hosted a summit for Polish filmmakers and American distributors, distributed Polish films, restored films and awarded scholarships to worthy Polish filmmakers; and

WHEREAS, Through its Wings Award, the Polish Film Festival in America has honored many worthy individuals for their lifetime achievements including Director Roman Polanski, Cinematographer Janusz Kaminski and Composer Jan A.P. Kaczmarek; and

WHEREAS, The Festival has received numerous awards both in Poland and the United States, including the Polish Presidential Gold Medal of Merit, the Cavalier's Cross of Merit, Copernican Award and the Polish Film Institute Award;

WHEREAS, The 29th Polish Film Festival in America will be held from November 4th to November 19th, 2017, at the Facets Cinematheque, Gallery Theater in Chicago, IL and AMC Rosemont 18 in Rosemont, IL; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the Mayor and members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, gathered here this Fifteenth Day of November, 2017, do hereby recognize the cultural contributions of the Polish Film Festival in America.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to the 29th Polish Film Festival in America on the fifteenth day of November, 2017.

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