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OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

CITY OF CHICAGO

RAHM EMANUEL
MAYOR

May 20, 2015

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

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith a resolution concerning the visit of the Netherlands' King and Q to Chicago.

Your favorable consideration of this resolution will be appreciated.

Mayor

Very truly yours,

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The Members of this Chamber are pleased and honored to welcome their Majesties, King Willem-Alexander and Queen Maxima of the Kingdom of the Netherlands to the City of Chicago on June 2 and 3, 2015 to celebrate the strong economic, cultural and political ties between our peoples; and

WHEREAS, Dutch immigrants, among the first European ethnic groups to settle in the Chicagoland area as early as 1839, have played a vital role in the development of Chicago; and

WHEREAS, Today, there are more than 88,000 Dutch-Americans in the Chicagoland area, including in the City's Roseland community, which boasts the largest enclave of Dutch-American population in the city; and

WHEREAS, Dutch companies are top investors and employers in the Chicagoland area, with more than 60 Netherlands-based companies doing business locally and total trade between Illinois and the Netherlands reaching \$2.4 billion; and

WHEREAS, Chicago is the most popular destination outside Europe for Dutch travelers, according to the Dutch export association, Fenedexpress; and

WHEREAS, During their visit to Chicago, their Majesties King Willem-Alexander and Queen Maxima will attend a trade dinner hosted by Mayor Rahm Emanuel, First Lady Amy Rule, and Mr. Ivo Daalder, President of the Chicago Council on Global Affairs, as well as visit the Robert H. Lurie Comprehensive Cancer Center, Gotham Greens, and attend an urban agricultural seminar at Gwendolyn Brooks College Preparatory Academy, located in the Pullman National Monument district; and

WHEREAS, Chicago is proud of its long history of friendship and cooperation with the Netherlands, and all Chicagoans join in celebrating this historic and joyous occasion; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the Mayor and Members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, assembled this twentieth day of May, 2015, do hereby extend a warm welcome to their Majesties King Willem-Alexander and Queen Maxima and wish them a pleasant stay in Chicago; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to their Majesties King Willem-Alexander and Queen Maxima as a token of our respect and good wishes.