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## Legislation Text

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### **SUBSTITUTE ORDINANCE**

WHEREAS, northwest Chicago is home to one of the nation's oldest and most prominent Polish settlements; and

WHEREAS, an existing plaza located in the area bounded by the intersection of Ashland Avenue, Division Street and Milwaukee Avenue is at the heart of Chicago's Old Polish Downtown; and

WHEREAS, the surrounding area functioned as the de-facto capital for Polish Americans from the 1870s through the first half of the 20<sup>th</sup> century; and

WHEREAS, the headquarters of many major Polish organizations were once clustered within the surrounding area; and

WHEREAS, four Polish-language daily newspapers were published in the surrounding area and delivered throughout the United States and to several foreign countries; and

WHEREAS, the surrounding area was once home to multiple polka clubs, Polish-owned banks, Polish bars and pierogi spots; and

WHEREAS, the plaza is still at the center of a large Polish American community in Chicago; and

WHEREAS, Polish American businesses and institutions such as the Polish Museum of America, the Polish Roman Catholic Union of America, the Chopin Theater and the Podhalanka Polska Restauracja are located in the surrounding area near the plaza; and

WHEREAS, the historically Polish parishes of St. Stanislaus Kostka, Holy Trinity, and St. John Cantius are also located near the surrounding area; and

WHEREAS, naming the plaza to reflect this rich historical heritage will pay tribute to the many Polish Americans that have settled and contributed to the City of Chicago over the past 150 years; now, therefore:

### **BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO**

SECTION 1. An honorary designation is hereby conferred upon the aforesaid plaza, which shall hereafter be referred to as the "Polish Triangle".

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**December 11,2013  
CHICAGO,  
ILLINOIS**

## **TO THE PRESIDENT AND MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL:**

*Your Committee on Housing and Real Estate which was referred a Substitute ordinance, introduced by Alderman Ray Suarez (31), Alderman Joe Proco Moreno (1), Alderman Robert W. Fioretti (2) and Alderman Scott Waguespack (32), approving the Honorary Designation of the plaza bounded by N. Ashland Ave., W. Division St. and N. Milwaukee Ave. as "Polish Triangle" (SO2013-9094) - - (correction made on to read "Polish" Triangle)*

Having the same under advisement, begs leave to report and recommend that Your Honorable Body Pass the proposed substitute ordinance transmitted herewith.

This recommendation was concurred in by a unanimous vote of the members of the committee present with no dissenting votes.

Ray Suarez/Chairman Committee on Housing & Real Estate