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CITY OF CHICAGO

RAHM EMANUEL
MAYOR

November 9, 2016

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

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith, along with Aldermen Brookings, Jr., Moreno, Santiago, Maldonado and Villegas, a resolution honoring the Erikson Institute on its fiftieth anniversary.

Your favorable consideration of this resolution will be appreciated.

Mayor

Very truly yours,

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ofth vtty of (j)hicago, Illinois*

- ALDERMEN HOWARD B. BROOKINS, JR. PROCO JOE MORENO, , ■
MILLY SANTIAGO, ROBERTO MALDONADQ, GILBERT VILLEGAS AND
resented by MAYOR RAHM EMANUEL " ^ NOVEMBER 9, 2016

Whereas

, In 1966, Maria Piers, Lorraine Wallach, Barbara Taylor Bowman, and Irving B. Harris founded the Chicago Institute for Early Childhood Education, which later became known as the Erikson Institute; and

V WHEREAS, The Erikson Institute was founded to ensure there would be> proper training and preparation for teachers working with young children enrolled in the new Head Start program created by President Lyndon Johnson as part of the Economic Opportunity Act of 1964; and ;

■, WHEREAS, One of the first organizations in the United States to focus on the importance of a child's first years, the" Erikson Institute has engaged in groundbreaking work in the field of eafly childhood development; and ,

WHEREAS, The Erikson Institute prepares students of child development, social work, and early childhood education to become leaders who strive to improve the educational, social, emotional and physical well-being of children, families, and communities; and

•' WHEREAS, A trusted resource with,local and international programs, the Erikson Institute contributes to the vitality of our communities in Chicago by enhancing the well-being and education of young children; and :] y- ;

• / WHEREAS, The Erikson Institute has long been committed;to understands ■the child in context, as well as advocating for social justice; and ' ;

WHEREAS, In recent years, the Erikson Institute has expanded; its influence through research projects, direct service, and; special initiatives that explore contemporary issues, such as improving teacher training in early literacy and early math, researching mindfulness techniques to support a child's learning, : supporting non-profit leaders and policymakers with yital information about child:, development, applying . developmentqllly appropridte^herdpeutic interventions, and sharing its expertise^with families so they can meaningfully use technology with their children; and v .," '<■: " :* / r^c;.:;V

' WHEREAS,, The Erikson Institute is celebrating its fiftieth anniversary in
2016;
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I WHEREAS, The Erikson's Institute's child-focused mission; has been
unwavering, and it continues to earn recognition as the Nation's premier ,
independent institution for training teachers who help ensure that all children
have the opportunity to reach their full potential; how,Therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the Mayor and the Members of the City
Council, assembled this ninth day of November, 2016, do hereby honor the
Erikson Institute on its fiftieth anniversary, and applaud its invaluable
contributions to the education and development of the children of
Chicago; and /

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolutions
be presented to the Erikson Institute as a token of our appreciation and
esteem.