



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
CITY OF CHICAGO

LORI E. LIGHTFOOT
MAYOR

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, since its establishment, the City of Chicago has always been home to vibrant communities of diverse people hailing from all over the world boasting distinct cultural heritages; and

WHEREAS, Chicago is home to proud and vibrant Polish American and Lithuanian American communities that have bolstered the city in the realms of art and music, business and finance, law and government, education and social service, and science and medicine; and

WHEREAS, Chicago is home to the largest population of residents of Polish and Lithuanian heritage outside of Poland and Lithuania; and

WHEREAS, signed on May 3, 1791, the Polish-Lithuanian Common State Constitution, the first of its kind in Europe, helped to lay the foundation for modern society and symbolized a definitive moment in Polish and Lithuanian history; and

WHEREAS, this Constitution completed the idea of the nation's integrity and sovereignty and worked to ensure freedom and political equality, religious tolerance, equal rights, and more; and

WHEREAS, both Warsaw, Poland and Vilnius, Lithuania has enjoyed a strong Sister City relationship with Chicago; and

WHEREAS, on May 3, 2021 the Consulate General of the Republic of Poland and the Consulate General of the Republic of Lithuania will commemorate the 230th Anniversary of the Polish-Lithuanian Common State Constitution and the 130th Anniversary of the Annual Polish Parade with a flag raising ceremony:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, LORI E. LIGHTFOOT, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO, do hereby proclaim May 3, 2021 to be POLISH-LITHUANIAN COMMON STATE CONSTITUTION DAY IN CHICAGO in commemoration of the 230th anniversary of the Polish-Lithuanian Constitution and encourage all residents to join in celebrating this milestone anniversary.

Dated this 3rd day of May, 2021.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Lori E. Lightfoot".

Mayor