



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
CITY OF CHICAGO

LORI E. LIGHTFOOT
MAYOR

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the first Polish settlers arrived in Jamestown, Virginia in 1608 and today there are more than 10 million Americans of Polish descent; and

WHEREAS, Chicago's Polish American community has contributed greatly to the cultural fabric and demographic landscape of this diverse city since its earliest days; and

WHEREAS, Polish heroes like General Casimir Pulaski played a vital role in our nation's fight for Independence and Warsaw is Chicago's first sister city; and

WHEREAS, Chicago's proud and vibrant Polish American community has contributed greatly to the cultural fabric and demographic landscape of this diverse city since its earliest days by influencing arts and education, business and government, social service, and scientific and technological advancements; and

WHEREAS, October has been designated Polish American Heritage Month to celebrate the cultural heritage, achievements, and contributions Polish Americans have made in Chicago and across the country:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, LORI E. LIGHTFOOT, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO, do hereby proclaim October 2022 to be POLISH AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH IN CHICAGO and encourage all residents to join in celebrating the many contributions of Polish Americans.

Dated this 4th day of October, 2022.


Mayor