



**OFFICE OF THE MAYOR  
CITY OF CHICAGO**

**LORI E. LIGHTFOOT**  
MAYOR

**PROCLAMATION**

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, 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 is home to one of the largest populations of residents of Polish heritage outside of the Republic of Poland; and

WHEREAS, the City of Chicago is home to a proud and vibrant Polish American community that has undoubtedly impacted culture and industry by influencing the arts and education, business and government, social service, and scientific and technological advancements near and far; 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 2020 to be POLISH AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH IN CHICAGO and encourage all residents to join in celebrating the many contributions of Polish Americans.

Dated this 21st day of October, 2020.

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

Mayor