



**OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
CITY OF CHICAGO**

**RAHM EMANUEL
MAYOR**

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the Polish Constitution of May 3, 1791 is generally regarded as Europe's first and the world's second modern codified national constitution, following the 1788 ratification of the United States Constitution; and

WHEREAS, the history and cultural fabric of Chicago have undoubtedly been shaped by the Polish American community and their commitment to making this city a better place to live, work and raise families; and

WHEREAS, the Polish American community will proudly celebrate the 222nd Anniversary of Polish Constitution Day with the 122nd Annual Polish Constitution Day Parade along with a number of significant activities inviting all to share in rich Polish culture and heritage; and

WHEREAS, the City of Chicago developed its first sister city relationship with Warsaw, Poland during 1960; and

WHEREAS, Polish Constitution Day has been at the center of celebrations of Polish American pride within Chicago dating back to 1892, and has successfully continued on into the present day; and

WHEREAS, on May 4, 2013, the city will host the Polish Constitution Day Parade drawing thousands of all of our residents from across Chicagoland to enjoy and share in the enduring history and traditions of our Polish American neighbors and friends:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RAHM EMANUEL, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO, do hereby proclaim May 3, 2013 to be POLISH CONSTITUTION DAY IN CHICAGO and urge all Chicagoans to recognize this important milestone and be aware of the many contributions made by the Polish American community that improve our city.

Dated this 3rd day of May, 2013.

Mayor