



**OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
CITY OF CHICAGO**

BRANDON JOHNSON
MAYOR

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, it is now a documented historical fact that Albanian Commandant Kadri Cakrani of Berat, Albania, saved the lives of hundreds of Jewish refugees during the Second World War; and

WHEREAS, it is now a documented historical fact that Albanian Commandant Kadri Cakrani of Berat, Albania, saved the lives of three United States nurses who plane crashed in Albania during the Second World War, and

WHEREAS, the Albanian people have made countless contributions to the City of Chicago and the State of Illinois; and

WHEREAS, some of the many descendants of Kadri Cakrani now live in Chicago including his granddaughters Elizabeth Cakrani Vrato and Ashley Lauren Metaj, and his great-granddaughters Abigail Vrato and Gaia Radding; and

WHEREAS, DePaul University in Chicago is celebrating the life of Kadri Cakrani and his family through the only Albanian Studies Department in the United States:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BRANDON JOHNSON, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO, do hereby proclaim November 11, to be KADRI CAKRANI DAY IN CHICAGO in recognition of his strength and perseverance and encourage all Chicagoans to always remember and acknowledge his sacrifices.

Dated this 11th day of November, 2023.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "BJ Johnson", with a horizontal line extending to the right.

Mayor