



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
CITY OF CHICAGO

RAHM EMANUEL
MAYOR

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Dear Friends:

As Mayor and on behalf of the City of Chicago, I am pleased to extend warmest greetings to the Vietnamese Association of Illinois, and to all those gathered for the 2015 Tet or Lunar New Year Celebration to commemorate the *Year of the Goat*.

Established in 1976, the Vietnamese Association of Illinois is an involved organization dedicated to serving the greater community. For almost 40 years, the Association has helped diverse residents in all areas of their lives. Alongside an array of cultural, health, and economic programming, the Vietnamese Association of Illinois has shared and showcased Vietnamese heritage and traditions with all Chicagoans.

This special celebration promotes unity through camaraderie and commemoration. The Vietnamese Association of Illinois has hosted the largest Vietnamese-American New Year Festival in Chicagoland for years. Chicago is proud to be home to a vibrant Vietnamese American community that makes significant contributions to the life in our city. Filled with activities for children and families, the event has continually grown and become a favorite for many residents. As you mark the traditional Tet or Lunar New Year, I am proud to join you in honoring the many traditions of, and accomplishments made by the Vietnamese American community.

I hope you have an enjoyable event. Best wishes for much continued success.

Sincerely,

Mayor